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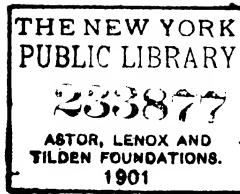
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CONSTITUTION,
RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
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OF
PENNSYLVANIA,
WITH
AN APPENDIX,
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At the Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, held August 20th, A. D. 1860, A. I. 2390, the following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and to make such other suggestions as the Committee may deem proper.

The M. E. G. High Priest was pleased to appoint Companions JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, JOSEPH S. RILEY, CHARLES GILPIN, J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, and SAMUEL C. PERKINS, said Committee.

At a Special Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter, held November 2d, A. D. 1863, A. I. 2393, the Report of said Committee having been previously read and adopted by Articles and Sections, with amendments, it was unanimously.—

Resolved, That the Constitution, Ceremonial, Prayers, Charges and Forms reported by the Committee, as amended by the Grand Chapter, be and the same hereby are adopted, as the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, to go into effect on and after December 27th, A. D. 1863, A. I. 2393.

At the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter, held on St. John the Evangelist's Day, A. D. 1863, A. I. 2393, upon a reconsideration of the question, it was unanimously—

Resolved, That the Resolution adopted November 2d, be amended by adding thereto the following words : "Except Article I., which shall go into effect on and after December 27th, A. D. 1864, A. I. 2394"; and the Resolution as amended was thereupon unanimously adopted.

Entered according to the Act of Congress, in the year 1863, by
GEORGE WOOD, M. E. G. H. P., in trust for the
M. E. G. H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania,
In the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the United States, in and for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, February 18th, A. D. 1867, A. I. 2397, the following amendments to the Constitution were ordered to be printed, and a copy sent to each Chapter and Mark Lodge under this jurisdiction, viz :

Add to Article XV, (B) page 26, as follows :

"SEC. 5. No Companion can be elected High Priest of a Chapter who has not been elected and served as King or Scribe of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, except at the formation of a new Chapter, and no Brother can be elected Master of a Most Excellent or Mark Lodge, who has not been elected and served as Warden of a Most Excellent or Mark Masters Lodge respectively in this jurisdiction, except at the formation of a New Lodge."

Adopted, May 15th, 1865.

Add to Article 1, page 3, after the words "And all Past Grand High Priests," the words :

"Also all High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction."

Adopted, February 18th, 1867.

For Article X, pp. 15, 16, 17, substitute the following, to wit:

ARTICLE X.

Revenue of the Grand Chapter.

The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from:

1st. Fees for Warrants to constitute Royal Arch Chapters, Most Excellent and Mark Masters Lodges as follows, all charges being therein included—

For Warrant to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter,	- - -	\$75 00
“ “ “ “ M. E. Masters Lodge,	- - -	50 00
“ “ “ “ Mark “ “	- - -	50 00

2d. Dues to be annually paid on St. John the Evangelist's day, by every Royal Arch Chapter and Most Excellent or Mark Masters' Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, as follows:

For each one made a Royal Arch Mason therein,	- - -	\$1 00
“ “ “ “ Most Excellent Master therein,	- - -	50
“ “ “ “ Mark Master therein,	- - -	50
“ “ Royal Arch Mason a member thereof,	- - -	40
“ “ Most Excellent and Mark Masters members thereof,	- - -	40

Provided, That all Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Masters Lodges meeting more than ten miles distant from the City of Philadelphia, shall have an allowance of *twenty-five per centum* upon the Annual Dues and Fees for conferring Degrees; and *provided, also*, that no Chapter or Lodge shall be required to pay Annual Dues upon any one of its members for more than one Degree.

3d. For Grand Chapter Certificates each, - - - \$2 00

No proposition to increase or diminish the Fees and Dues above established shall be received at any but a Stated Meeting, when it shall be forthwith communicated to every Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Masters Lodge under this jurisdiction, and shall be decided at the next Stated Meeting.

Adopted, February 18th, 1867.

On motion, it was resolved,

That the foregoing Article go into effect from the time of its adoption.

JOHN THOMSON,

Grand Secretary.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

GRAND CHAPTER.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

The Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, shall be constituted:—Of all the Members of the Grand Lodge, for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and have received the Honorary degree of Mark Master, and been received and accepted Most Excellent Masters, and who have passed the chair of a Lodge by election, and who are contributing members of some subordinate Chapter:

And all Past Grand High Priests.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall be:—

A Grand High Priest, a Grand King, a Grand Scribe, a Grand Treasurer and a Grand Secretary.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Grand Chapter, appointed by the Grand High Priest shall be:—

District Deputy G. H. Priests, (at the discretion of G. H. P. as to number,) a Grand Captain of the Host, a Grand Principal Sojourner, a Grand R. A. Captain, Grand Chaplains, (at the discretion of the G. H. P. as to number,) three Grand Masters of the Vails, a Grand Marshal, two Grand Masters of Ceremonies, a Grand Pursuivant, and a Grand Tyler.

SEC. 3. The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be:—

1. Committee on Work.
2. " " Finance.
3. " " Correspondence.
4. " " By-Laws.
5. " " Appeals.
6. " " Charity.

SEC. 4. The officers and committees of the Grand Chapter shall take precedence in the above order.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The elective Grand Officers shall be chosen by ballot at the Quarterly Communication in November,

in each and every year, and continue in office until their successors respectively be duly elected and installed.

SEC. 2. A majority of the whole number of votes given shall be necessary for a choice. But if, on the second ballot, no election be made, a third ballot shall be had, confined to the two highest, or when such instances occur, to the one who has a plurality and the two or more the next highest on the return who shall have an equal number of votes. If on the third ballot no choice be made, the balloting on these principles shall be continued until one of the candidates shall receive a majority of all the votes given, or until they shall be equally divided between the candidates, in which event the contest shall be determined between them by lot.

SEC. 3. The officers so elected shall be installed in their respective stations, on or before St. John the Evangelist's day next succeeding their election.

SEC. 4. The Grand High Priest shall be installed by the next preceding Grand High Priest who may be present, assisted by a sufficient number of qualified R. A. Masons.

SEC. 5. No one shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, unless he be a member of the Grand Chapter, who has served a regular term of office as High Priest in some chapter under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 6. In case of the death, or removal from this jurisdiction of either of the elective Grand Officers, the Grand Chapter may be convened by the Grand High Priest or elective Grand Officer next in rank, for the purpose of supplying the vacancy by an election.

SEC. 7. No companion shall hold more than one office in the Grand Chapter, at one and the same time.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chapter shall hold Quarterly Communications on the ~~third~~^{first Thurs} Monday in February, May, August and November, and a Grand Communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year.

SEC. 2. The Communications of the Grand Chapter shall be held at 6 o'clock in the evening, on and from the 25th of September to the 25th of March, and at 7 o'clock in the evening, on and from the 25th of March to the 25th of September.

ARTICLE V.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chapter shall not be opened, unless three subordinate Chapters be represented by members of the Grand Chapter, severally belonging to such Chapters.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the G. H. Priest, the Grand King and Grand Scribe, according to rank, shall preside in the Grand Chapter. In the absence of the G. H. Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, the Past G. H. Priests, in order of precedence shall take the chair; and in their absence, the High Priest of the senior Chapter present shall preside.

SEC. 3. The Grand Chapter being opened, the order of business, at the Quarterly Communications, shall be as follows:

1. The minutes of the preceding Quarterly, and all intervening Communications read:

2. Petitions, communications and appeals read:

3. Reports of committees read:

4. Returns of Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges read:

5. Unfinished business:

6. New business:

But the presiding officer may, at any time, dispense with this order of business.

SEC. 4. No business shall be entered upon at a special meeting, but that for which the Grand Chapter shall have been specially summoned, and which shall have been set forth in the notices of said meeting.

SEC. 5. Every memorial, petition, appeal, or other document, intended to be laid before the Grand Chapter shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary, at least twenty-four hours previous to any meeting.

SEC. 6. No vote shall be taken at any but a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, touching a charge by or against any Chapter, or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, or by or against any R. A. Mason, Most Excellent Master, or Mark Master, nor unless previous reasonable notice shall have been given to such Chapter or Lodge, or to such companion or brother, of the intended proceeding.

SEC. 7. Every question shall be decided *viva voce*, by a majority of votes present; provided that when any three members request a ballot it shall be allowed.

SEC. 8. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding officer; nor shall he be interrupted, unless he shall be digressing, when the presiding officer shall call him to order. When

called to order he must sit down, but being corrected may again proceed.

SEC. 9. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without special permission from the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 10. No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after ten o'clock in the evening of any communication.

ARTICLE VI.

REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Any Chapter held at a greater distance than three miles from the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter, may be represented in the Grand Chapter by a proxy, (who must be a member of the Grand Chapter,) appointed by a resolution of such Chapter, certified under the seal thereof, signed by the High Priest, and attested by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. A member of the Grand Chapter shall not be a proxy for more than one Chapter at one and the same time.

SEC. 3. Each proxy of a Chapter shall be entitled as such to one vote in addition to his own, and no more.

SEC. 4. No Chapter shall be represented in the Grand Chapter until it shall have been duly constituted, nor while its warrant is in sequestration.

SEC. 5. A Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, after it shall have been duly constituted, may be represented in the Grand Chapter by any member of that body, but such representative shall not be entitled to any vote in addition to his own by virtue thereof.

SEC. 6. Whenever it shall be required by the constitution, rules or regulations of the Grand Chapter, or otherwise deemed necessary or proper to give any notice, information or other matter to a Chapter or Lodge having a representative in the Grand Chapter, such notice, information, or other matter may be given to said Chapter or Lodge through its representative, and shall be given in ample time to allow him to communicate the same to, and receive instructions from said Chapter or Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

GENERAL POWERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chapter shall have and exercise supreme power and authority over Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Masonry, within the State of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

SEC. 2. It shall have power to regulate, superintend, and control the By-Laws of Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. It shall have power to grant warrants for holding Royal Arch Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges, and to suspend, revoke, restore, and exercise jurisdiction over the same as may be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE VIII.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SECTION 1. The Grand High Priest shall preside over the Grand Chapter at its sessions, superintend and govern its proceedings, and decide all points of order.

SEC. 2. In addition to every vote he may be entitled to in his own right, or as proxy of a subordinate Chapter, he shall have a casting vote when the votes of the members are equally divided, except in the election of officers.

SEC. 3. The Grand High Priest shall have power :—

To appoint District Deputy Grand High Priests :

To appoint a representative in a sister Grand Chapter :

To appoint the subordinate officers of the Grand Chapter :

To appoint all standing and special committees, unless a ballot be requested by three members and ordered by the Grand Chapter :

To issue such dispensations under his own seal and signature, attested by the Grand Secretary, as are permitted by these Regulations :

To constitute in person or by deputy duly authorized, Royal Arch Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges, and install the officers thereof :

To command at any time the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, or any officer or committee of the Grand Chapter, with their books, papers and accounts :

To summon any of the officers of a Chapter or of a Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge to attend him, and produce their warrant, books, documents and accounts :

To summon any special or extra meeting of the Grand Chapter he may deem necessary :

To sequester the warrant and suspend the labors of any Chapter, or of any Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, subject to the decision of the Grand Chapter at its next subsequent quarterly communication, to

which he shall report his action, with a detailed statement of the facts and of his reasons therefor :

He shall be ex-officio the chairman of every committee, the High Priest of every Chapter, and Master of every Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge whose meeting he may attend.

It shall be his duty to visit annually every Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge within the City of Philadelphia, and all other such Lodges and Chapters under his jurisdiction, if practicable.

GRAND KING AND GRAND SCRIBE.

SEC. 4. The Grand King and Grand Scribe shall assist the Grand High Priest in the performance of his duties; and in the event of his death, absence, or removal from this jurisdiction, shall in the order of rank succeed to all his powers and duties until otherwise provided for by the Grand Chapter. In the event of the death, absence, or removal from this jurisdiction of the Grand King, the Grand Scribe shall succeed to all his powers and duties, until otherwise provided for by the Grand Chapter.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

SEC. 5. Each District Deputy G. H. Priest shall have power within his district to congregate the officers and members of any Chapter or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge therein, at its accustomed place of meeting, at such times as he shall think proper; to inspect its labors, inquire into its condition and proceedings, give it Masonic advice and instruction; and shall report annually to the Grand Chapter the state

and prospects of Royal Arch, Most Excellent, and Mark Masonry, and of every Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge within his jurisdiction.

GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 6. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed the receipt and payment of all moneys collected for the use of the Grand Chapter, of which he shall keep a fair and regular account, to be submitted to the inspection of the Committee on Finance whenever required. He shall not disburse any money, but upon an order, signed by the Grand High Priest and countersigned by the Grand Secretary; and shall annually at the quarterly communication in November, submit to the Grand Chapter a detailed account of his receipts and payments, which, with the proper vouchers, shall be referred to the Committee on Finance for examination and sanction. He shall give security in such sum as the Grand Chapter may direct, for the faithful performance of his duty.

GRAND SECRETARY.

SEC. 7. To the custody of the Grand Secretary shall be committed the books, papers and archives of the Grand Chapter, which he shall carefully file and preserve. He shall issue notices, printed or written, for every meeting of the Grand Chapter, to every member residing within three miles of the Hall, and hand the same to the Grand Tyler sufficiently early to be delivered by him at least twenty-four hours before the time of meeting. He shall record all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, conduct the domestic correspondence thereof, under the supervision of the Grand

High Priest; register the returns of every Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge when received and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter; assist the Grand Treasurer in the collection of outstanding debts, and keep fair and regular accounts of the sums due to and by the Grand Chapter, submitting the same to the inspection of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest or the Committee on Finance, as often as they may require; and generally shall perform the accustomed duties of the station. He shall receive a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

GRAND TYLER.

SEC. 8. The Grand Tyler shall attend every meeting of the Grand Chapter; assist in the arrangement thereof; keep the regalia and furniture thereof in good condition; deliver the notices for all meetings of the Grand Chapter, its officers and committees at least twenty-four hours before the hour of meeting; and generally do all such other services as may be required of him by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest. He shall receive a salary of one hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 9. The Grand Chaplains and Grand Tyler need not be members of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. The standing committees shall consist of five members; and all special committees whose number is not specially provided for in the resolution calling for such committee, shall consist of three members.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

SEC. 2. To the Committee on Work shall be referred all questions touching the ancient work, customs and usages of Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Masonry, and the constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

SEC. 3. To the Committee on Finance shall be referred the annual accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and such other accounts as from time to time the Grand Chapter or elective Grand Officers may specially direct. This committee may at all times have access to the books and papers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and other officers or committees intrusted with the moneys of the Grand Chapter. It shall be the duty of this committee to compare the charges made in the accounts referred to them, with the vouchers in support thereof, and generally to examine into the correctness of such accounts, and report thereon to the Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication in February in each year.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SEC. 4. To the Committee on Correspondence shall be referred all communications addressed to this Grand Chapter from other Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies, and such other matters requiring special consideration as the Grand Chapter may deem proper to submit to them. They are to examine the transactions of the preceding year, and select therefrom such matter as may be material for publication. This committee shall report all its proceedings for the approbation of the Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

SEC. 5. To the Committee on By-Laws shall be referred as received, all by-laws, and standing resolutions of Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges submitted for the approbation of the Grand Chapter. It shall be the duty of this committee carefully to examine and revise such by-laws, expunging from them all provisions contravening the established usages and customs of the Order or the constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, to supply such deficiencies as may appear requisite, and to report their proceedings to the Grand Chapter for confirmation.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

SEC. 6. To the Committee on Appeals shall be referred all appeals from Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges, and from any Companion or Brother or individual feeling himself Masonically aggrieved by the action of any Chapter, or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Charity shall dispense the charity of the Grand Chapter. It shall be governed by such special regulations as may be enacted by the Grand Chapter from time to time.

ARTICLE X.**REVENUE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.**

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from:—

1st. The fees for warrants to constitute Royal Arch

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Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges in the State of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, which, beyond the City of Philadelphia, shall be as follows, all charges being therein included ;

For a warrant to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter,	\$24
“ “ “ “ M. E. Master's Lodge,	12
“ “ “ “ Mark Master's “	14

The fees for warrants to constitute Royal Arch Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges within the City of Philadelphia shall be fifty per cent. higher than the above rates.

2d. The dues to be annually paid on St. John the Evangelist's Day, by every Royal Arch Chapter, and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, and which, beyond the City of Philadelphia, shall be as follows, viz. :

For each one made a Royal Arch Mason therein,	70 cts.
“ “ “ “ Most Excellent Master “	20 “
“ “ “ “ Mark Master “	20 “
“ “ Royal Arch Mason a member thereof,	15 “
“ “ Most Excellent and Mark Master,	
members thereof, . . .	20 “

The dues to be paid by every Royal Arch Chapter, and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge within the City of Philadelphia, shall be fifty per cent. higher than the above rates: *Provided always*, That no Chapter or Lodge shall be required to pay dues upon any one of its members for more than one degree, and that one the highest which he shall be in possession of in such Chapter or Lodge respectively.

No proposition to increase the fees and dues above

established shall be received at any but a stated meeting, when it shall be forthwith communicated to every Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge under this jurisdiction, and decided at the next stated meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

GRANT OF WARRANTS.

SECTION 1. No warrant for the constitution of a Royal Arch Chapter shall be granted except upon the petition of at least six R. A. Masons who have received the Most Excellent and Mark Master's degrees, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved R. A. Masons. Nor shall a warrant be granted to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter beyond the county of Philadelphia, within nine miles of the place of meeting of a Chapter already established, without the consent of such Chapter duly signified.

SEC. 2. Every petitioner for a warrant shall produce a certificate of his resignation in good standing from the Chapter to which he last belonged, or where that is impracticable, satisfactory testimony that he is in good standing with the Craft, and that he is not then a member of any Chapter.

SEC. 3. Every warrant issued shall be accompanied by a copy of the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, and a list of the Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. No warrant for the constitution of a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters shall be granted, except

upon the petition of at least seven Most Excellent Masters, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Most Excellent Masters, and subject to rules and regulations similar to those required upon the constitution of a Chapter.

SEC. 5. No warrant for the constitution of a Lodge of Mark Masters shall be granted, except upon the petition of at least seven Mark Masters, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Mark Masters, and subject to rules and regulations similar to those required upon the constitution of a Chapter.

SEC. 6. Every warrant for constituting a Chapter of R. A. Masons shall contain a power therein to open and hold a Lodge of Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons; the High Priest, King, and Scribe for the time being of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to rank.

ARTICLE XII.

VISITORS.

SECTION 1. A Royal Arch Mason shall not be permitted to visit the Grand Chapter until he shall have received the degrees of a Most Excellent and Mark Master.

SEC. 2. Visitors unknown to the Grand High Priest are admitted into the Grand Chapter on motion regularly made, seconded and adopted, upon the voucher of some companion present, either a member or visitor, or after examination. Visitors known to the Grand High Priest, may, at all times, be admitted by him without motion.

ARTICLE XIII.

CERTIFICATES.

SECTION 1. Certificates in the name of the Grand Chapter shall be issued by the Grand Secretary on the deposit of a Chapter certificate, or on the recommendation of a subordinate Chapter or its presiding officers.

SEC. 2. Every certificate or recommendation from a Chapter or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, shall state whether the Companion or Brother recommended is or is not a member thereof, and when and how he became a member.

SEC. 3. A member of an extinct Chapter may receive from the Grand Chapter a certificate, on the recommendation of the Chapter nearest his place of residence,

SEC. 4. All certificates in the name of the Grand Chapter shall be signed by the elective officers thereof, and sealed with the Grand Chapter seal, and shall contain in the margin the signature of the person for whom it shall be issued.

ARTICLE XIV.

THE REGALIA OF THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND MOST EXCELLENT AND MARK MASTER'S LODGES.

SECTION 1. The Insignia of the Jewels of the various officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively as follows, viz.:

Of the G. H. Priest, a Mitre surmounted by the Triple Tau.

“ Grand King, a Crown.

“ Grand Scribe, a Turban.

Of the Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys.

“ Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens.

“ P. G. H. Priests, the Seven-Pointed Star.

“ District Deputy G. H. Priests, the Equilateral Triangle.

“ Grand Captain of the Host, Soldier with drawn Sword.

“ Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with Staff.

“ G. R. A. Captain, Cross-Hilted Swords, crossed.

“ Grand Masters of the Vails, Cross-Hilted Sword.

“ Grand Chaplains, the Bible.

“ Grand Marshal, Crossed Batons.

“ Grand Masters of Ceremonies, Crossed Wands.

“ Grand Pursuivant, Sabre crossed with Trumpet.

“ Grand Tyler, Crossed Sabres.

Each of the before-named Insignia, (except that for the District Deputy G. H. Priests,) shall be attached to an Equilateral Triangle, and the Triangle placed on a Circle.

The Triangles and Circles of the Jewels of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, shall each have a raised border on its inner and on its outer edge. The Triangle of the G. H. Priest's Jewel shall have a Seven-Pointed Star in each of its angles; that of the Grand King in each of its lower angles; and that of the Grand Scribe in its upper angle.

The Triangles and Circles of the Jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and P. G. H.

Priests shall each have a raised border on its outer edge. Those of all other officers shall be plain.

The Jewels of office of the Grand Chapter, and the Medal of the Order shall be of gold or gilt, and shall be of the sizes and designs in the drawings hereunto annexed; the Jewels of the officers of subordinate Chapters shall be without the Circles, but in all other respects shall be similar to those of Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. The Apron shall be of white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented scarlet and purple border, two inches wide—the scarlet part pointing inward; the border of the flap, or lappet, to be only an inch wide. In the centre of the flap shall be a Triangle of satin, surrounded with a gold border, and within the Triangle the triple tau in gold-spangled embroidery; and two gold tassels shall be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The ground of the Triangle, the lining and strings of the Aprons, and the ribbons suspending the tassels, shall be purple for the officers of the Grand Chapter, scarlet for the officers of subordinate Chapters, and for all other companions white.

SEC. 3. The Jewels of office worn by officers of the Grand Chapter shall be suspended by a collar of ribbed silk, four inches in width, of three colors, viz. blue, scarlet, and purple, in the order named, the blue on the inner edge. The Jewels of office worn by the officers of subordinate Chapters shall be suspended by a scarlet collar of ribbed silk, four inches in width; the Medal of the Order be worn on the left breast, appended according to the rank of the companion by a ribbon of ribbed silk, three-fourths of an inch wide, as follows,

viz.: present and past elective Officers of the Grand Chapter, tri-colored, corresponding with the collar; present and past elective Officers of subordinate Chapters, scarlet, corresponding with collar; all other companions white.

SEC. 4. The Jewels of Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges shall be the same as those of a Master Mason's Lodge; the collars and trimmings of the Aprons shall be blue and scarlet,—the blue of one-half the width of the collar or trimming, occupying the middle, and the scarlet placed on either side.

ARTICLE XV.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, MOST EXCELLENT AND MARK MASTER'S LODGES.

A.

OF THEIR ORGANIZATION AND POWERS.

SECTION 1. All lawfully constituted assemblies of R. A. Masons are called Royal Arch Chapters, and every legitimate Chapter within this State shall work under a warrant granted by this Grand Chapter, under the seal thereof, and signed by all the elective Grand Officers.

SEC. 2. Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges, may be opened under the warrant of any Chapter; and such Lodges may also be constituted under distinct warrants to be duly granted by the Grand Chapter, under the seal thereof, and signed by all the elective Grand Officers.

SEC. 3. Every Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge must be solemnly constituted by the G. H. Priest with his officers; or in the absence of

the G. H. Priest, by the Grand King or Grand Scribe in the order of their rank, or by a past High Priest, duly authorized, and assisted by a sufficient number of competent R. A. Masons, under the Grand High Priest's dispensation.

SEC. 4. Every Chapter and Lodge shall have power to frame By-laws for its own government ; but no By-law or resolution in the nature of a permanent regulation, shall be valid until submitted to and approved by the Grand Chapter ; and as the ancient land-marks of the Order, and the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, are the supreme law of every Chapter and Lodge, no By-law or resolution which may prove to be inconsistent therewith, shall be held as valid.

SEC. 5. No Chapter or Lodge shall pass any By-law, on any subject-matter treated in Article XV of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter ; and every Chapter and Lodge, shall have said Article XV printed and bound with its By-laws.

SEC. 6. A Chapter or Lodge not distinguished by a name or title, shall procure the approbation of the Grand Chapter to obtain one, which shall be registered with the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 7. No Chapter or Lodge shall alter its name or title without the like approbation and registry.

SEC. 8. The precedence of Chapters or Lodges recognized as being in existence, real or inchoate, on the 5th of January, 1824, shall be determined by the date of their organization.

SEC. 9. The precedence of Chapters or Lodges organized since the 5th of January, 1824, shall be deter-

mined by the order of the grant of their warrants of constitution.

SEC. 10. No Chapter or Lodge shall publish any part of its proceedings, or any matter regarding Royal Arch, Most Excellent or Mark Masonry, without the consent of the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest. Nor shall any individual companion or brother make or issue any such publication without the like consent.

SEC. 11. No Chapter or Lodge shall confer any degree on an applicant residing in the vicinity of another Chapter or Lodge respectively, without the previous permission of such Chapter or Lodge, or of the three principal officers thereof; but a Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge may confer these degrees respectively on an applicant notwithstanding he resides in the vicinity of a Chapter, without the permission of such Chapter or the officers thereof. *Provided*, That the prohibition in this section shall not apply where two or more Chapters or Lodges are now or may hereafter be held in the same city or town, as between such Chapters or Lodges respectively.

SEC. 12. The warrant of a Chapter or Lodge may be suspended or vacated by the Grand Chapter:

By its refusal or neglect to make returns as required:

By its refusal or neglect to pay the necessary fees and dues:

By the death, dismission, or removal of the members:

By not assembling during twelve months: _

By unmasonic conduct.

But the warrant of a Chapter or Lodge having a sufficient number of members, shall in no case be suspended or vacated until such Chapter or Lodge shall have been

duly warned of its offence, and notified to appear and answer the same.

SEC. 13. When the warrant of a Chapter or Lodge is vacated by the Grand Chapter, the last Secretary or Treasurer, shall, within three months thereafter surrender to the Grand Secretary the warrant, books and papers, jewels, furniture and funds of such Chapter or Lodge; and the last presiding officer shall transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory thereof, and be responsible for the execution of this section. No companion or brother of such Chapter or Lodge shall be admitted into any other Chapter or Lodge, nor entitled to the benefits of Royal Arch, Most Excellent, or Mark Masonry, until he shall have paid all arrears due from him to such Chapter or Lodge, to the Grand Treasurer, or shall have had the same remitted by the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 14. The majority of the members of a Chapter or Lodge may at any stated meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, instruct their officers or representatives on any subject to be considered in the Grand Chapter, and such instructions recorded on the minutes of the Chapter or Lodge, shall be binding on such officers or representatives.

SEC. 15. Every Chapter and Lodge shall have a Masonic seal, to be affixed to its certificates and other documents required to be authenticated. An impression from such seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and notice of any change in such seal shall be given to him forthwith, with an impression from the substitute.

B.**OFFICERS.**

SECTION 1. The elective officers of a subordinate Chapter shall be a High Priest, a King, a Scribe, a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the officers appointed by the High Priest shall be a Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, a Royal Arch Captain, Three Masters of the Vails, Two Masters of Ceremonies, a Pursuivant, a Tyler, and at the discretion of the High Priest, a Chaplain; which officers shall take precedence in the order above named; the Chaplain, if one be appointed, to take precedence next after the Royal Arch Captain.

SEC. 2. The elective officers of a Most Excellent Master's Lodge, shall be a Most Excellent Master, (who must be a Royal Arch Mason), Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; and the officers to be appointed by the Most Excellent Master shall be a Senior and Junior Deacon, two Masters of Ceremonies, a Pursuivant and a Tyler, and at the discretion of the M. E. M., a Chaplain.

SEC. 3. The elective officers of a Mark Master's Lodge shall be a Master (who must be a R. A. Mason), Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; and the officers to be appointed by the W. M., shall be a Master Overseer, a Senior and a Junior Overseer, two Masters of Ceremonies, a Pursuivant and a Tyler, and at the discretion of the W. M., a Chaplain.

SEC. 4. The officers of a Chapter, in the order of their rank, shall be, *ex-officio*, officers of the Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges, which may be opened under the warrant of such Chapter.

C.**ELECTIONS.**

SECTION 1. The elective officers of Chapters and Lodges shall be chosen annually by ballot at the stated meeting next preceding the feast of St. John the Evangelist. The election shall be conducted agreeably to the rules for the election of Grand Officers. (Constitution, Art. III., Sec. 2.)

SEC. 2. The officers so elected shall, if practicable, be installed in their respective offices on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding their election, and shall continue in office one year, or until their successors respectively be duly elected and installed.

SEC. 3. No mason shall be elected or appointed to any office, except that of Tyler or Chaplain, in a Chapter or Lodge of which he is not a member.

SEC. 4. In case of the death or removal from the jurisdiction of all the elective officers of a Chapter or Lodge, the G. H. Priest may upon request of the said Chapter or Lodge grant a dispensation to hold a special election to fill the vacancies so created.

SEC. 5. No member of a Chapter or Lodge shall hold more than one office therein, at one and the same time.

D.**MEETINGS.**

SECTION 1. Every Chapter or Lodge having a separate constitution shall meet at least once in every three months.

SEC. 2. The hour of meeting shall be six o'clock in the evening on and from the 25th of September to the 25th of March, and seven o'clock in the evening on and from the 25th of March to the 25th of September.

SEC. 3. Special meetings of a Chapter or Lodge may be convened at the pleasure of the High Priest or Master respectively; but no business which by the ancient usage of the Order, by the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, or by the By-Laws of the Chapter or Lodge, is required to be done at a stated meeting, shall be done at a special meeting; nor any business except that for which such special meeting shall have been convened.

SEC. 4. No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after ten o'clock in the evening of any meeting.

SEC. 5. No Chapter or Lodge shall be removed from its accustomed place of meeting, but on motion to that effect in writing, made and seconded at one stated meeting and adopted at the next subsequent stated meeting, nor until such motion shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Chapter; but should circumstances at any one time render the usual place of meeting improper, the High Priest or Master, may convene the Chapter or Lodge respectively at some other place.

E.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

HIGH PRIEST.

SECTION 1. It is the especial duty of the High Priest to preside at the meetings of the Chapter, to enforce an

observance of its By-laws and of the Constitution, rules regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, to see that the officers and members discharge their duties faithfully, and that the property and funds of the Chapter be justly managed and disbursed.

SEC. 2. He shall decide all points of order ; and from such decision there shall be no appeal to his Chapter, but an appeal therefrom, by any member of the Chapter, shall lie to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. The High Priest shall have power:—

To appoint the subordinate officers of a Chapter :

To appoint all standing and special committees unless otherwise provided by the By-Laws, or by the Resolutions for the appointment of such committees :

To command at any time the presence of the Treasurer and Secretary or any officer or committee of the Chapter, with their books, papers and accounts :

To summon any special or extra meeting of the Chapter he may deem necessary :

To preside in every Committee whose meetings he may see proper to attend.

SEC. 4. He shall have a casting vote when the votes of the members are equally divided, except in the election for officers.

SEC. 5. He shall have special charge of the warrant of constitution, which shall always be in his custody, and in the Chapter when opened and during the continuance of its labors.

KING AND SCRIBE.

SEC. 6. The King and Scribe shall assist the High Priest in the performance of his duties ; and in the event of his death, absence or removal from this juris-

diction shall, in the order of rank, succeed to all his powers and duties. In the event of the death, absence or removal from this jurisdiction of the King, the Scribe succeeds to all his powers and duties.

TREASURER.

SEC. 7. The Treasurer shall keep an exact account of all moneys received and expended, and shall pay no moneys except on orders drawn upon him by the authority of the Chapter, which shall be signed by the High Priest and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall have his books and vouchers always ready for examination, at such periods as the by-laws may require, or whenever called upon by order of the High Priest, or Chapter. He shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office, or may be required by the By-laws.

SECRETARY.

SEC. 8. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all the transactions of the Chapter, proper to be committed to writing. He shall preserve a copy of the By-Laws of the Chapter, and of the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, a list of the members and sojourners of the Chapter, and the dates of their admission and receiving the several degrees. He shall keep a record of all the deaths, expulsions, suspensions, rejections and resignations in the Chapter, and those communicated by the Grand Chapter; and shall transmit the names and dates of the former forthwith to the Grand Secretary. He shall make and transmit to the Grand Secretary the annual returns required by the Grand Chapter.

OTHER OFFICERS.

SEC. 9. The duties of other officers of a Chapter are those prescribed by the customs and usages of the order, and analogous to those of corresponding officers in the Grand Chapter.

OFFICERS OF MOST EXCELLENT AND MARK MASTER'S LODGES.

SEC. 10. The duties and powers of the officers of Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges shall, in their respective Lodges, be similar to the duties and powers of the officers corresponding in rank of a Chapter as above provided.

F.**ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND CONFERRING DEGREES.**

SECTION 1. An applicant for the Mark Master's Degree shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood and be a Master Mason in good standing with the Fraternity and the Master Mason's Lodge from which he hails, and competent to perform all the work in the degree he applies for.

SEC. 2. An applicant for the Most Excellent Master's Degree, shall, in addition to the foregoing, be a Mark Master in good standing, and shall have duly passed the chair in some regular Lodge.

SEC. 3. An applicant for the Royal Arch Degree, shall, in addition to all the foregoing, be a Most Excellent Master in good standing.

SEC. 4. An applicant for the degrees and membership, or for membership only, in a Chapter or Lodge, shall petition for that purpose in writing at a stated meeting, at least one month prior to his reception,

stating his age, occupation and residence, and the degree to which he has arrived in Masonry, and be recommended by at least two members of the Chapter or Lodge to which he applies, when a Committee of Inquiry of three members (excluding the recommending members) shall be appointed, who shall report at the next or some subsequent stated meeting, and if the report be favorable, the applicant may be ballotted for at a stated meeting, and receiving a unanimous vote shall be declared to be approved or elected.

SEC. 5. An applicant for the degrees and membership, or for membership only, may withdraw his petition before report thereon, or after report and before ballot, if the report be favorable.

SEC. 6. An applicant being once rejected, a second ballot may be had on motion to that effect duly made and seconded at one stated meeting and adopted at the next or a subsequent stated meeting; but the ballot so allowed shall be taken at the next ¹²⁴stated meeting after the adoption of such motion. *Provided*, That due notice of the taking of such ballot shall be given to every member.

SEC. 7. An applicant being twice rejected, no further proceedings shall be had in his case, but by appeal to the Grand Chapter; and no Chapter or Lodge shall act upon the petition of an applicant who has been rejected in another Chapter or Lodge respectively, without the consent of the Grand Chapter, after notice to the Chapter or Lodge in which he has been rejected.

SEC. 8. If the application is for membership only, the companion or brother must produce a certificate from the Chapter or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, to which he last belonged, or other satisfactory proof

that he is not at the time of his application a member of any Chapter or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge respectively.

SEC. 9. Should an applicant for the degrees and membership, or for membership only, neglect to come forward within six months from the time he is approved or elected, all proceedings in such case shall be null and void and a new application must be made as in

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, held May 16, A. D. 1864, A. I. 2394, the following amendment offered at the Quarterly Communication, held February 15, A. D. 1864, A. I. 2394, was adopted, to wit: In Art. XV. (F.), Sec. 6, add to the end of the section, the following words; "and that said second ballot shall be taken within six months from the date of the first rejection."

case of emergency, of which the Chapter or Lodge respectively shall be the judge, when the degrees may be conferred upon the same evening that the petition is presented.

SEC. 13. The Royal Arch degree shall not be conferred on a greater or less number than three at one and the same time.

SEC. 14. The Most Excellent Master's degree shall

not be conferred on a greater number than six at one and the same time.

SEC. 15. The Mark Master's degree shall not be conferred on a greater number than eighteen at one and the same time.

G.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. No mason shall be a member of two Chapters or Lodges at one and the same time; but a member of a warranted Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge may be a member of a Chapter; and a member of a warranted Mark Master's Lodge may be a member of a warranted Most Excellent Master's Lodge.

SEC. 2. The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch, Most Excellent or Mark Master Mason from a Blue Lodge, shall *ipso facto* work his suspension or expulsion from his Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges.

SEC. 3. The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from his Chapter, shall *ipso facto* work his suspension or expulsion, from his Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges.

SEC. 4. The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from his Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge shall *ipso facto* work his suspension or expulsion from his Chapter.

SEC. 5. No Royal Arch, Most Excellent or Mark Master Mason shall continue to be a member of any Chapter or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge for

a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge by resignation.

SEC. 6. A member of a Chapter or Lodge ceases to be such by resignation, suspension or expulsion.

SEC. 7. No member shall withdraw pending any inquiry into his conduct, nor until his dues shall have been paid or remitted.

SEC. 8. A Chapter or Lodge shall have power to reprimand, suspend or expel its members for the following causes only, viz:—

A Chapter or Lodge may *reprimand* a member for neglect of duty, or improper or disorderly conduct:

It may suspend or expel a member for nonpayment of dues, or for immoral or unmasonic conduct, in the manner hereinafter set forth.

SEC. 9. But no Chapter or Lodge shall suspend or expel a mason who is not a member thereof at the time, nor exercise jurisdiction over any but its own members.

~~SEC. 10. No suspension or expulsion shall be valid, until submitted to and confirmed by the Grand Chapter.~~

SEC. 11. A suspension may be removed and the member restored to good standing: 1st, by the payment of all arrears, where the suspension has been for nonpayment of dues: 2d, by a vote of the Chapter or Lodge.

SEC. 12. A member who shall have been expelled, whether for nonpayment of dues or otherwise, cannot be restored to good standing except by a vote of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 13. One who has ceased to be a member of a Chapter or Lodge cannot again become a member of the same or any other Chapter or Lodge except by petition, as hereinbefore provided for.

H.**PROCEEDINGS AS TO SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.****AS TO NOTICE.**

SECTION 1. Every member of a Chapter or Lodge shall leave with the Secretary thereof, his address, to which all his notices shall be sent; and shall also promptly notify the Secretary of any change in his address.

SEC. 2. A notice shall be deemed lawfully served if delivered personally, or left at the address recorded with the Secretary, except in the case of a charge against a member for immoral or unmasonic conduct while he is absent from the State, in which case it shall be necessary for the Chapter or Lodge to ascertain if possible, his actual address, and mail the notice to such address; but, when after continued and diligent search it is found impossible to ascertain his address, the Chapter or Lodge shall appoint a competent member thereof as his attorney, upon whom all notices shall be served, and whose duty it shall be to conduct the defence of the accused to the best of his ability.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of each Chapter or Lodge shall annually in his notice of the stated meeting second preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, furnish to each member a statement of the amount due by him to the Chapter or Lodge respectively, up to said St. John's day inclusive, with notice that if the same be not paid on or before the stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, he may be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 4. Should the member so notified neglect or refuse to pay his dues on or before the said stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, he, may at that or any subsequent stated meeting be suspended or expelled, proof having first been made of the indebtedness, and of the service of the notice previous to the meeting; ~~and the Secretary shall immediately transmit a copy of the proceedings to the Grand Chapter for its sanction.~~

SEC. 5. No member of a Chapter or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge shall be suspended or expelled for the nonpayment of dues, in any other manner, nor at any other meetings, than as above specifically set forth.

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FOR IMMORAL OR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

SEC. 6. A charge against a member for immoral or unmasonic conduct must be in writing; it must set forth the offence or offences as particularly and specifically as its or their nature will permit; and it must be presented at a stated meeting of the Chapter or Lodge.

SEC. 7. If upon its face such charge shall appear to the Chapter or Lodge worthy of consideration, it shall be referred to a special committee, from which the accuser shall be excluded.

SEC. 8. The Secretary shall make two copies of the charge, and of the resolution of reference to a committee, together with the names of said committee, under the seal of the Chapter or Lodge, signed by the High Priest or Master and attested by the Secretary; one copy whereof shall be served on the accused, and the other given to the chairman of the committee.

SEC. 9. The chairman of the committee shall notify the accuser and the accused of the time and place when and where the committee will meet to take testimony, giving ample time to the parties to procure the attendance of their witnesses.

SEC. 10. If at the meeting of the committee neither the accused nor any one in his behalf shall appear, proof must be taken of the service both of the copy of the charge and of the notice of the meeting. Proof of such service having been made, or the accused having appeared in person or by attorney, the committee shall proceed to examine the witnesses, whose testimony they shall reduce to writing.

SEC. 11. The committee may adjourn from time to time as they may deem necessary or expedient. No special notice of the adjourned meetings shall be necessary, but it shall be announced openly by the chairman before the adjournment, of which all parties shall take notice.

SEC. 12. The testimony having been all taken, and both parties fully heard, the committee shall proceed to make up their report in writing, with a copy of which they shall furnish the accused at least twenty-four hours before the stated meeting of the Chapter or Lodge at which it is to be read, together with a statement when said report will be presented.

SEC. 13. The report shall be presented and read at a stated meeting of the Chapter or Lodge, and shall be accompanied with proof of service of a copy thereof and statement, as required by Section 12. If the report be unfavorable to the accused, he shall, before any action be taken thereon, if present in person or by attorney, be heard in his own defence, after which, or in case of his absence, immediately on its being read,

the Chapter or Lodge may proceed to the consideration of the report, and after due discussion to the final vote.

SEC. 14. If the vote shall result in a suspension or expulsion, the Secretary shall transmit to the Grand Chapter, for its information and sanction, the record of the proceedings; which record shall consist of the original charge, the resolution of reference, the copy thereof furnished the chairman of the committee, the minutes of the meetings of the committee, the testimony taken before the committee, the report of the committee, and a copy of the proceedings taken thereon by the Chapter or Lodge, duly certified under the seal thereof, and attested by the Secretary; which record shall remain on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 15. No Royal Arch, Most Excellent or Mark Master Mason shall be suspended or expelled (except for non-payment of dues) otherwise than as above set forth.

I.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

SECTION 1. Any Chapter or Lodge, or member of the Craft, under this jurisdiction, aggrieved by the conduct or proceedings of any Chapter or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, or of any Royal Arch, Most Excellent or Mark Master Mason, may appeal or complain to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. All appeals shall be in writing, and at least ten days previous notice of the intended proceeding shall be given in writing to the appellee or party complained of.

K.**CERTIFICATES.**

SECTION 1. No Chapter or Lodge shall grant a certificate or recommendation to enable any Royal Arch, Most Excellent or Mark Master Mason to travel as a pauper or in an itinerant manner to apply for relief.

L.**RETURNS AND DUES.**

SECTION 1. Every Chapter and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodge shall annually on or near St. John the Evangelist's Day, return to the Grand Chapter a complete list of all the degrees conferred therein, of members admitted, of the applicants rejected, and of the deaths, resignations, suspensions and expulsions in such Chapter or Lodge with the reason for each suspension or expulsion; also a list of restorations to good standing, and of suspended or expelled members restored or reinstated by the Grand Chapter, since the next preceding return.

SEC. 2. Any Chapter or Lodge failing to make the required Annual Return on or before the third Monday of February, (or if the Chapter or Lodge be beyond the limits of the State, then on or before the third Monday of June), after such return shall be due, shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such return be not received by him within three months (or if the Chapter or Lodge be beyond the limits of the State, then within six months) following the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting Chapter or Lodge is *ipso facto* suspended, and unless cause be shown to the con-

trary may be vacated at the next or any subsequent quarterly communication of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. With every return shall be transmitted the fees and dues to the Grand Chapter which have accrued thereon, and any Chapter or Lodge in arrears for the dues of two years, shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such arrears be not discharged within six months from the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting Chapter or Lodge is *ipso facto* suspended, and unless cause be shown to the contrary may be vacated at the next or any subsequent quarterly communication of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. The warrant of any Chapter or Lodge suspended for default in making the Annual Return, or in transmitting the fees and dues to the Grand Chapter, is revived upon the receipt of such Return, or fees and dues, respectively.

M.

VISITORS.

SECTION 1. Visitors unknown to the High Priest or Master may be admitted into a Chapter or Lodge on the voucher of some companion or brother present, or after examination. Visitors known to the High Priest or Master may be admitted by him without motion.

SEC. 2. A companion or brother who is not a member of a Chapter or Lodge shall not be permitted to visit any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction more than once.

N.**PROCESSIONS.**

SECTION 1. No procession or other public display of a Royal Arch Chapter, or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, as such, shall be allowed.

SEC. 2. A Royal Arch, Most Excellent or Mark Master Mason, shall not in any other place than in a Chapter, or Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, be distinguished by any dress or badge different from that which belongs to him as an officer or member of his Blue Lodge or of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XVI.**AMENDMENTS.**

No amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall be made, unless proposed at one Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter and acted upon at the next, or some subsequent Quarterly Communication; nor then, unless previous notice has been given to the subordinate Chapters and Lodges of such proposed amendments or alterations, and same shall be approved of by a majority of the members present.

APPENDIX.

CEREMONIAL

OF

Royal Arch, Most Excellent, and Mark Masonry.

CHAPTER I.

PRAYERS.

Prayer to be used at Opening.

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God ! Thou great Architect of heaven and earth ! who art the giver of all good gifts and graces, and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them : in Thy name we assemble and meet together, most humbly beseeching Thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve Thee aright, that all our doings may tend to Thy glory and the salvation of our souls.

Prayers to be used at Closing.

May the blessing of Heaven rest on us and on all regular Free Masons ; may we practice out of the Chapter [or Lodge] those principles of religion and morality we are taught within it ; may every moral and social virtue cement us in the bond of peace and fraternal love, and procure Thy gracious favor, O blessed Lord God ! who livest and reignest in indescribable glory and happiness for ever and ever. Amen.

Or the following.

Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty ! just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of kings and Lord of lords ! Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name ? for Thou only art holy : for all nations shall come and worship before Thee, for Thy judgments are made manifest. By Thy *wisdom* may we be directed, by Thy *strength* may we be enabled, and by the *beauty of virtue* may we be incited, to perform the obligations herein enjoined upon us ; to keep inviolably the mysteries here unfolded to us ; and invariably to practice all those duties *out* of the Chapter [or Lodge,] which are inculcated in it.

Response. Amen ! So mote it be !

Or the following to be used at Closing a Mark Master's Lodge.

Glorious Architect of the Universe—who alone art infinite and eternal, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent !

We desire gratefully to acknowledge Thy protecting mercy through all the past and perilous scenes of life ; and we beseech Thee still to continue to be gracious ; and to increase in us all those heavenly dispositions, which are calculated to dignify our character as men, and as Masons ; that we may thereby be enabled to let our "*light shine before men*," and aid in promoting the strength and beauty of Thy spiritual temple. -

And whether we be stationed by Thee, our gracious and unerring Grand Master, in the plains of Zeredathah, or on the mountains of Libanus ; whether in using the chisel and the mallet on the rough ashler, or in putting on the top-stone of our mystic building ; do Thou, in mercy, preserve from all evil Thy faithful workmen, until they be called off from their earthly labors, to receive the wages Thou hast promised, and be sealed in their foreheads, and receive that *white stone*, in which there is a *new name*, that none knoweth, save him who receiveth it.

And to Thee, our great Creator, and gracious Redeemer and Benefactor, we will ascribe all possible "blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, now and for evermore." *Amen.*

Prayer used at the exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason.

O Thou eternal and omnipotent JEHOVAH! the glorious and everlasting I AM! permit us, Thy frail and dependent creatures, in the name of our *Most Excellent and Supreme High Priest*, to approach Thy divine majesty. And, do Thou, who sittest between the Cherubim, incline Thine ear to the voice of our supplication; and vouchsafe to commune with us from Thy mercy-seat. We humbly adore Thy unspeakable perfections, and Thy unbounded goodness and benevolence. [We bless Thee, that when man had sinned, and thereby fallen from his innocence and happiness, Thou didst still leave unto him the powers of reasoning and the capacity for improvement and pleasure. We adore Thee, that amidst the pains and calamities of our present state so many means of refreshment and satisfaction are afforded us, while travelling the rugged path of life.] And O Thou! who didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in each of our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of love to each other, and of benevolence and charity to all mankind. [May the veils of ignorance and blindness be removed from the eyes of our understandings, that we may behold and adore Thy mighty and wondrous works. May the rod and staff of Thy grace and power continually support us, and defend and guard us from every temptation and evil. May the leprosy of sin be eradicated from our bosoms; and may "Holiness to the Lord" be engraven upon all our thoughts, words and actions. May the incense of devotion ascend continually unto Thee, from the altar of our hearts, and burn day and night, as a sweet-smelling savor unto Thee. May we daily search the records of divine truth, that we may be more and more instructed in our duty; and may we share the blessedness of those who hear the sacred word and keep it.] And finally, O merciful Father! when we shall have passed through the outward veils of these earthly courts, when the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, may we be admitted into the Holy of Holies above, into the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven, where the Supreme High Priest forever presides—forever reigns.

Response. Amen! So mote it be!

Or the following.

Thou hast loved us, O Lord our God ! with eternal love ; Thou hast spared us with great and exceeding patience, our Father and our King, for Thy great name's sake, and for our fathers' sake, who trusted in Thee, to whom Thou didst teach the statutes of life, that they might do after the statutes of Thy good pleasure with a perfect heart. So we beseech Thee be Thou merciful unto us, O our Father ! Merciful Father, that sheweth mercy, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, and put understanding into our hearts, that we may understand, hear, learn, teach, keep, do and perform all the words of the doctrine of Thy law in love. Do Thou enlighten our eyes in Thy commandments, and cause our hearts to cleave to Thy law, and unite them in the love and fear of Thy name, and we shall not be ashamed, nor confounded, nor stumble, for ever and ever.

Because we have trusted in Jehovah, mighty and terrible name, we will rejoice and be glad in Thy salvation, and in Thy mercies O Lord our God ! and the multitude of Thy mercies shall not forsake us for ever, Selah : And now make haste and bring upon us a blessing, and peace from the four corners of the earth ; for Thou art a God that workest salvation, and hast chosen us out of every people and language ; and Thou, our King, hast caused us to cleave to Thy great name, in love and praise to Thee, and to be united to Thee, and to love Thy name. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God ! who hast chosen Thy people Israel in love. Amen.

CHAPTER II.

CHARGES.

At opening a Mark Master's Lodge.

Wherefore, Brethren, lay aside all malice, and guile, and hypocrisy, and envies, and all evil speakings.

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious, to whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious ; ye, also, as living stones, be ye built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God.

Wherefore, also, it is contained in the Scriptures : Behold, I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious corner

stone, a sure foundation ; he that believeth shall not make haste to pass it over. Unto you, therefore, which believe, it is an honor ; and even to them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

Brethren, this is the will of God, that with well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God.

Charge to a Mark Master Mason.

BROTHER :

I congratulate you on having been thought worthy of being advanced to this honorable degree of Masonry. Let me impress it upon your mind, that your assiduity should ever be commensurate with your duty, which becomes more and more extensive as you advance in Masonry.

In the honorable character of a Mark Master Mason, it is more particularly your duty to endeavor to let your conduct in the Lodge, and among your brethren, be such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, that you may not, like the unfinished and imperfect work of the negligent and unfaithful of former times, be rejected and thrown aside, as unfit for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

While such is your conduct,—should misfortunes assail you, should friends forsake you, should envy traduce your good name, and malice persecute you ; yet may you have confidence, that among Mark Master Masons, you will find friends who will administer relief to your distresses, and comfort in your afflictions ; ever bearing in mind, as a consolation under all the frowns of fortune, and as an encouragement to hope for better prospects, that the stone which the builders rejected—possessing merits to them unknown—became the chief stone of the corner.

Charge to a Most Excellent Master Mason.

BROTHER :

Your admittance to this degree of Masonry is a proof of the good opinion the brethren of this Lodge entertain of your

Masonic abilities. Let this consideration induce you to be careful of forfeiting by misconduct and inattention to our rules, that esteem which has raised you to the rank you now possess.

It is one of your great duties as a Most Excellent Master, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason: and I need not remind you of the impossibility of complying with this obligation without possessing an accurate acquaintance with the lectures of each degree. If you are not already completely conversant in all the degrees heretofore conferred on you, remember, that an indulgence, prompted by a belief that you will apply yourself with double diligence to make yourself so, has induced the brethren to accept you. Let it, therefore, be your unremitting study, to acquire such a degree of knowledge and information as shall enable you to discharge with propriety, the various duties incumbent on you, and to preserve unsullied, the title now conferred upon you of a Most Excellent Master.

Charge to a Royal Arch Mason.

COMPANION :

By the consent and assistance of the members of this Chapter, you are now exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

The rites and mysteries developed in this degree have been handed down through a chosen few, unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice; and we expect and trust they will be regarded by you with the same veneration, and transmitted with the same scrupulous purity to your successors. No one can reflect on the ceremonies of gaining admission into this place, without being forcibly struck with the important lessons which they teach.

Here we are necessarily led to contemplate with gratitude and admiration, the sacred source whence all earthly comforts flow; here we find additional inducements to continue steadfast and immoveable in the discharge of our respective duties; and here we are bound, by the most solemn ties, to promote each other's welfare and correct each other's failings, by advice, admonition and reproof.

As it is our most earnest desire, and a duty we owe to our

companions of this Order, that the admission of every candidate into this Chapter, should be attended by the approbation of the most scrutinizing eye, we hope always to possess the satisfaction of finding none among us, but such as will promote, to the utmost of their power, the great end of our Institution.

By paying due attention to this determination, we expect you will never recommend any candidate to this Chapter, whose abilities and knowledge of the preceding degrees you cannot fully vouch for, and whom you do not firmly and confidently believe will conform to the principles of our Order, and fulfil the obligations of a Royal Arch Mason.

While such are our members, we may expect to be united in our object, without lukewarmness, inattention, or neglect; but zeal, fidelity, and affection, will be the distinguishing characteristics of our Society, and that satisfaction, harmony, and peace, may be enjoyed at our meetings, which no other Society can afford.

CHAPTER III.

Ceremonies and Charges upon Constituting a Royal Arch Chapter and Installing its Officers.

The companions of the new Chapter will assemble in the Chapter room. The Grand Officers (or the Companion duly authorized by the Grand High Priest for the purpose, with such other Companions as he shall have called to his assistance,) will meet at a convenient place on the day and hour appointed. The officers of the new Chapter are then to wait upon the Grand High Priest, who will request the Grand King to make the necessary examination, on which duty he will immediately enter, and on its completion, the proposed officers of the new Chapter will return to the Chapter room.

The members of the new Chapter are then to send a messenger to the Grand High Priest, who will address him as follows :

“ MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

“ The officers and companions of Chapter, No. have instructed me to inform you, that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, having granted them a warrant to open and hold a Chapter in the they are desirous that the Chapter should be constituted, and the officers installed, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, for

which purpose they are now met in the Chapter room, by order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and await his pleasure."

The Grand High Priest will answer :

"COMPANION :

"Be pleased to inform the officers and companions of Chapter, No. that the Grand High Priest and his officers will forthwith attend them to comply with their desires."

The messenger returns to the Chapter room and makes his report, and the brethren prepare for the reception of the Grand Officers.

The room will be opened and untied, all the companions present quietly seated, the chairs of the officers remaining vacant; each officer nominated for the new Chapter occupying a seat next to or near his intended chair; and the private members of the new Chapter seated in the northeast part of the room.

Instrumental Music.

March.—While the officers of the Grand Chapter enter the Chapter room.

When the Grand Officers enter, the companions will rise, with as much silence as possible, and remain standing until the Grand Officers take the respective chairs. A Royal Arch Chapter will then be opened by the Grand Officers in ancient form, and the Grand Chaplain will offer the following

Prayer.

"Almighty and Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth ! Whom have we in Heaven but Thee ! and there is none upon earth that we desire beside Thee ! Thine *Omniscient* Mind brings all things in review, past, present, and to come ; Thine *Omnipotent* Arm directs the movements of the vast creation ; Thine *Omnipresent* Eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart ; Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment ; and Thine unspeakable perfections and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men ! Our Father who art in Heaven, we invoke Thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. Let this Chapter be established to Thine honor ; let its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern, and fidelity to pursue its true interests ; let its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind. Let this Chapter be consecrated

to Thy glory, and its members ever exemplify their love to God by their beneficence to man."

"Glory be to God on high.

Response. "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be."

The Grand Marshal will then direct the officers and members of the new Chapter to form in front of the Grand High Priest, when the Grand King will address the Grand High Priest as follows :

"MOST EXCELLENT,

"A number of companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor, and propagating the principles of the Art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having been obtained, they are now assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form."

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will answer :

"MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION :

"The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania having been pleased to grant a warrant to the Companions of this new Chapter, conferring on them the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Chapter, I shall proceed with pleasure, to comply with their request :"

And then addressing the Grand Secretary :

"COMPANION GRAND SECRETARY :

"Be pleased to read the warrant granted by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, for the constitution of Chapter No. ———."

The ceremony of Consecration will then be entered upon by the following prayer.

Consecration Prayer.

"Great Architect of the Universe ! Eternal Jehovah ! The great I Am ! Maker and Ruler of all Worlds ! deign from thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee

to give us at this and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications.

"Permit us, Oh ! Thou Author of light and life, to erect this Chapter, and now solemnly to consecrate it to the honor of Thy glory.

"Glory be to God on High.

Response by the Companions. "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

The Grand High Priest then rises and says :

"COMPANIONS :

"We shall now proceed, according to ancient usage to constitute these Companions into a regular Holy Royal Arch Chapter."

The officers of the new Chapter being in possession of their respective jewels and badges, though not yet invested or clothed with them, will present them to their High Priest, who will present them together with his own, to the Grand King, who will present them to the Grand High Priest.

The Grand King will then present the High Priest elect of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest, saying—

"MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

"I present you companion whom the members of the new Chapter, now to be constituted, have chosen for their High Priest."

The Grand High Priest will ask them if they remain satisfied with their choice.

The companions of the new Chapter will bow in token of assent.

The Grand High Priest will then inquire of the Grand King,

"Whether he has examined the High Priest chosen by the members and nominated in the warrant, and has found him well skilled in the noble science and the royal art."

The Grand King answering in the affirmative, will advance with the High Priest elect, and present him in front of the pedestal of the Grand High Priest, saying—

" MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

" I present you my worthy companion to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity towards his Chapter, and in strict conformity to the requirements of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter."

The Grand High Priest will then address the High Priest elect, saying—

" COMPANION :

" Previous to your installation and investiture, it is necessary that you should give your unequivocal assent to certain questions which will now be proposed to you relative to the duties of your office.

" 1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of your Companions, who have attained this Supreme degree ?

" 2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened, unless there be present three regular Royal Arch Masons ? Nor the degree conferred unless there be present six Royal Arch Masons ?

" 3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time ?

" 4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree, who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, and who has not made considerable proficiency in the preceding degrees ?

" 5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and on all proper occasions, be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the Grand officers ?

" 6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect, and reverence, as an example to your companions ?

" 7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation ?

" 8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter,

who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his first being healed ?

"9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, they being in conformity to the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania ?

"10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter ?

"11. That you will support and observe the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act ?

"Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully ?

These questions being answered in the affirmative, the Grand Chaplain will offer the following prayer :

"Most holy and glorious Lord God, Thou Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth,

"We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new Chapter. Fill his heart with Thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service ; grant him firmness of mind ; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavors ; may he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws ; and may the incense he shall put before Thee, upon Thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy ; hear Thou from Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions.

"Glory be to God on high.

Response. "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen ! So mote it be."

The Grand High Priest will then cause the High Priest elect to be invested with his clothing, badges, &c., after which he will address him as follows, viz :

"COMPANION :

In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence in, and promise of conformity to, the ancient charges and regulations of our Order, you are now to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter, in full confidence of your care, skill and capacity to govern the same."

All the Companions present who are not Past High Priests will then withdraw for a few minutes; and during their absence the High Priest will be installed by the Grand King in ancient form.

The Companions who have withdrawn will then return and take their seats.

The Grand High Priest will then say :

"MOST EXCELLENT :

"It is incumbent upon me, on this occasion to point out some of the particulars appertaining to your office, duty and dignity.

"All legally constituted bodies of Royal Arch Masons, are called Chapters; as regular bodies of Masons of the preceding degrees are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in three months; and must consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, three Masters of the Vails, Treasurer, Secretary, and such other officers, and as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage.

"The Officers of the Chapter officiate in the Lodges, holden for conferring the preparatory degrees, according to rank, as follows, viz :

"The High Priest, as Master.

"The King, as Senior Warden.

"The Scribe, as Junior Warden.

"The Captain of the Host, as Senior Deacon.

"The Principal Sojourner, as Junior Deacon.

"The Master of the first vail, as Junior Overseer.

"The Master of the second vail, as Senior Overseer.

"The Master of the third vail, as Master Overseer.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and other officers, as officers of corresponding rank.

"The High Priest of every Chapter has it in special charge to see that the By-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania are duly observed; that all the officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and accurate records of all the proceedings of the Chapter are kept by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keeps and renders exact and just accounts of all the monies and other property belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made annually to the Grand Chapter; and that the annual dues of the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting. It is his privilege and duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy; and the well-being of the institution requires that this duty should on no occasion be omitted.

"The office of High Priest is a station highly honorable to those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. By a frequent recurrence to the Constitution and general regulations, and a constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best enabled to fulfil those duties; and I am confident that the companions, who are chosen to preside with you, will add strength to your endeavors, and support to your exertions.

"Let the *Mitre*, with which you are invested, remind you of the dignity of the office which you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

"The *Breastplate*, with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members, should always be near your heart.

"The various colors of the *Robes* you wear, are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human

mind, each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the charges to be delivered to your subordinate officers.

"You will now take charge of your officers, standing upon their right, and present them severally, in succession, to the Grand King, by whom they will be presented to me for installation."

The High Priest of the Chapter will then present the King to the Grand King, who will present him to the Grand High Priest in the words used in presenting the High Priest, making the necessary variations for the office. The Grand High Priest will then ask him whether he has attended to the ancient charges and regulations before recited to his superior officer. If he answers in the affirmative, he is asked whether he fully and freely assents to the same. If he answers in the affirmative, the Grand High Priest directs the Grand King to invest him with his clothing and install him, and then addresses him as follows, viz.:

Charge to the King.

"EXCELLENT COMPANION :

"The important station to which you have been appointed in this Chapter, requires from you exemplary conduct ; its duties demand your most assiduous attention ; you are to second and support the High Priest in all the requirements of his office ; and should circumstances at any time prevent his attendance, you are to succeed him in the performance of his duties.

"Your office teaches a striking lesson of humility. The institutions of our sublime degree, by placing the King in a station subordinate to the High Priest, teach us that our duty to God is paramount to all other duties, and should ever claim priority of our obedience to man. The *Scarlet Robe*, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter, and the *fergency* and *zeal* with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

"In presenting to you the *Crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind, than to rule over their lives and fortunes ; and that to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

"You are entitled to the second seat in the Council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties ; and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a *crown of glory* which shall never fade away.

The King will then retire to the line of officers, and the Scribe will be presented in the manner before mentioned, and installed. After his investiture, the Grand High Priest will address him as follows, viz.:

Charge to the Scribe.

"EXCELLENT COMPANION :

"The office of Scribe, to which you have been appointed, is very important. In the absence of your superior officers, you are bound to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The purposes of the institution ought never to suffer for want of intelligence in its proper officers ; you will therefore perceive the necessity of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you, in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve upon you by the absence of your superiors.

"The *Purple Robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim ; and to this end you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing anything that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all orders and degrees of Masonry ; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord whenever they may appear."

The Scribe then retires to the line of officers, and the Treasurer is presented.

Charge to the Treasurer.

“COMPANION :

“I have the pleasure of investing you with the badge of your office as Treasurer of this new Chapter. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are *accuracy* and *fidelity*; accuracy in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same, whenever he is called upon for that purpose, I presume that your respect for the institution, your attachment to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.”

He then retires and the Secretary is presented.

Charge to the Secretary.

“COMPANION :

“With pleasure I invest you with your badge as Secretary of this Chapter. The qualities which should recommend a Secretary are, *promptitude* in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers; *punctuality* in attending the meetings of the Chapter; *correctness* in recording their proceedings; *judgment* in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; *regularity* in making his annual returns to the Grand Chapter; *integrity* in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands; and *fidelity* in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has influenced the Companions to select you for this important office, and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Chapter and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Grand Chapter of saints and angels, and find your name recorded in the book of life eternal.”

He then retires.

If the time will admit, and the presiding officer desires, such charges as he may think suitable and proper may then be delivered to the Captain of Host, Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the Vails and other officers, or such of them as he may choose, who shall in such case be separately presented to him in the order of their rank.

The Grand High Priest then delivers the following

ADDRESSES.

Address to the High Priest.

"MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION :

"You have been duly installed Most Excellent High Priest of this Chapter. The station you are called to fill is important, not only as it respects the correct practice of our rites and ceremonies, and the internal economy of the Chapter over which you preside ; but the public reputation of the institution will be generally found to rise or fall according to the skill, fidelity and discretion, with which its concerns are managed, and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

"You have accepted a trust to which is attached a weight of responsibility that will require all your efforts to discharge honorably to yourself, and satisfactorily to the Chapter. You are to see that your officers are capable and faithful in the exercise of their offices. Should they lack ability, you are expected to supply their defects ; you are to watch carefully the progress of their performances, and to see that the long-established customs of the institution suffer no derangement in their hands. You are to have a careful eye over the general conduct of the Chapter ; to see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions ; that the members are properly instructed ; that due solemnity be observed in the practice of our rites ; that no improper levity be permitted at any time, but more especially, at the introduction of strangers among the workmen.

"In fine, you are to be an example to your officers and members, which they need not hesitate to follow ; thus securing to yourself the favor of Heaven, and the applause of your brethren and companions."

*Address to the Officers generally.***"COMPANIONS IN OFFICE :**

"Precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties which you are required to teach others, you should never neglect to practice yourselves.

"Do you desire that the demeanor of your equals and inferiors towards you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them with examples in your own conduct towards your superiors. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are more wise or better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere, who stand in need of, and are entitled to receive it. Do you desire distinction among your companions? Be sure that your claims to preferment are founded upon superior attainments; let no ambitious passion be suffered to induce you to envy or supplant a companion who may be considered as better qualified for promotion than yourselves; but, rather let a laudable emulation induce you to strive to excel each other in improvement and discipline, ever remembering, that he who faithfully performs his duty, even in a subordinate or private station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect, as he who is invested with supreme authority."

The Grand High Priest then says :

"By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my respected companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, and a Lodge of Mark Masters; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain; conforming in all your doings, to the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. And may the God of your fathers be with you, guide and direct you in all your doings."

“ COMPANIONS :

“ You have now been duly constituted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

“ May your Chapter become beautiful as the temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as the most holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense ; your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering. May the exercises of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you be endowed with every good and perfect gift while travelling the rugged path of life, and finally admitted within the veil of Heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal.”

Response. Amen. “ So mote it be.”

The officers and members of the chapter will then pass in review in front of the grand officers, with their hands crossed on their breasts, bowing as they pass.

The Grand Marshal will then make the following proclamation :

“ In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, I hereby proclaim this new Chapter by the name of Chapter, No. , to be regularly constituted and its officers duly installed.”

The ceremony will be closed with the following :

PRAYER.

Supreme Architect of the Universe ! Almighty JEHOVAH ! Thou great I AM ! We render Thee thanksgiving and praise for the Masonic institution, as members of which we have at this time been assembled, and for Thy protection and aid afforded us in the important work we have just completed.

We thank Thee that the occasion of solemnly consecrating and installing this new branch of the Masonic family, has afforded us fresh inducements, and laid us under stronger obligations to the

practice of virtue and morality, and to the observation of all Thy precepts and commandments of Thy holy law.

May these obligations, O Thou Infinite **JEHOVAH** ! have their full influence and effect upon our minds.

Teach us, we pray Thee, true reverence for Thy great and mighty name ; inspire us with firm and unshaken resolution in every virtuous pursuit.

May the solemnities of this day increase our love of **Masonry**, and have a beneficial tendency to the improvement of our conversation and conduct in the Chapter, and in our walk through life.

And as Thou didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant **Moses** in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of brotherly kindness to each other, and of charity to all mankind.

And now to Thee, King immortal and invisible, the only wise God, be everlasting glory and honor for ever and ever.

Response. Amen. So mote it be !

When the grand officers retire, the Chapter will form an avenue for them to pass through, and salute them with grand honors.

Such instrumental or vocal music as the presiding officer shall deem appropriate, may at his discretion be introduced during the progress of the ceremonies.

The ceremonies and Charges upon the Constitution of a Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge and the Installation of their officers shall be similar to the above, with such variations as the circumstances require.

Such portions of the above ceremonies as relate to the installation of Officers may be used at any time when officers are to be installed.

CHAPTER IV.

Ceremonies at Grand Visitations.

Whenever the Grand High Priest intends to visit a Chapter officially, for the purpose of inspecting its condition, the Grand Secretary shall notify the High Priest of the Chapter of the intended visitation at least two weeks previous thereto.

The Chapter is opened in the Royal Arch Degree, and when the Grand High Priest is announced, the Companions shall

arrange themselves in two lines facing each other from the door to the chair.

The Grand Officers then enter in the following order :

Grand Pursuivant and Grand Marshal.

Grand Masters of Ceremonies.

Grand Chaplains.

Grand Masters of the first and second Vails.

Grand Master of the third Vail and Grand R. A. Captain.

Grand Principal Sojourner and Grand Captain of the Host.

Past Grand Officers.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Grand King and Grand Scribe.

Grand High Priest.

The Grand Tyler remains at the door.

They proceed toward the East. On the entrance of the Grand High Priest the procession halts, the Grand Officers open to the right and left, and the Grand High Priest followed by the Grand King and Grand Scribe passes through. The Council receive them according to ancient usage, and resign to them the chairs and sceptres. The other Grand Officers then form in one rank facing the east. The Grand honors are then given; and the officers of the Chapter resign their seats to the corresponding Grand Officers.

The High Priest then delivers to the G. H. P. the Warrant of Constitution, the Treasurer's and Secretary's books,* and a statement of the funds of the Chapter for his inspection. Having examined them, the G. H. P. makes such observations as the circumstances and situation of the Chapter require, and he may also deliver an address.

The Grand Council then resign the chairs and sceptres to the High Priest, King and Scribe, and the Grand Officers resign their seats to the officers of the Chapter.

Should the Grand Officers retire before the Chapter is closed, the same ceremony must be observed as at their entrance.

Similar ceremonies shall be observed at a Grand Visitation to any Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge.

* Prior to the Grand Visitation, the Minute Book of the Chapter must be delivered to the Grand Secretary when demanded, to enable him to examine the same, and make report to the Grand High Priest.

CHAPTER V.

FORMS.

No. 1.

Petition for Warrant of a Chapter.

To the M. E. Grand H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and
Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

We, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, formerly members of the Chapters mentioned against our names, and having received the degrees of Most Excellent and Mark Master, and at this time not being members of any Chapter, pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at to be called

and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a Constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter. And we have nominated and do recommend Companion to be the first High Priest, Companion to be the first King, and Companion to be the first Scribe of the said Chapter. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient Land Marks of the Order, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands this day of A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

*Recommendation of three or more well-known and approved
Royal Arch Masons.*

We recommend that the prayer of the above petition be granted.

Recommendation of the nearest Chapter.

At a meeting of Chapter No. held at
on the day of A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 :
On motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the above petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the M. E. Grand Chapter.

[SEAL.] Attest.

H. P.

Sec'y.

No. II.

Petition for Warrant of a Mark Master's Lodge.

To the M. E. Grand H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

We, the undersigned, being regular Mark Master Masons, formerly members of the Mark Lodges, and present members of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, and having received the sublime degree of Master Mason, and at this time not being members of any Mark Lodge, pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Mark Lodge at to be called and there to discharge the duties of Mark Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter. And we have nominated and do recommend Brother to be the first Master, Brother to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother to be the first Junior Warden of the said Mark Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands this day of A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

Recommendation by three or more well-known and approved Mark Master Masons.

We recommend that the prayer of the above petition be granted.

Recommendation of the nearest Mark Lodge, or if there be no Mark Lodge within fifteen miles, then of the nearest Chapter.

At a meeting of _____ Mark Lodge (or Chapter) No.
held at _____ on the _____ day of _____ A. D.
18 _____, A. I. _____, 23 _____ :

On motion made and seconded it was

Resolved, That the above petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the M. E. Grand Chapter.

[SEAL.] Attest. _____ W. M. (or H. P.)
Sec'y.

No. III.

A petition for a warrant of a Most Excellent Master's Lodge shall be in similar form to that for a Mark Master's Lodge.

No. IV.

Warrant for a New Chapter.

M. E. G. High Priest.

M. E. G. King.

M. E. G. Scribe.

The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, in solemn form assembled at Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to all who it may concern, Greeting :

KNOW YE, That we, the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of the powers and authorities vested in us, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved Companions

M. E. High Priest, _____ King, and

Scribe, of a Chapter, called _____ to be held at _____ or within three miles of the same. And we do further authorize and empower the said _____ to admit, make, receive, accept, and exalt Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Master Masons, and Holy Royal Arch Masons, according to the usages and customs of the Order, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and not contrariwise. And we do further empower and appoint the said

and their successors, to hear and determine all and singular the matters and things relating to Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Masonry within the jurisdiction of the said Chapter, with the assistance of the members thereof. And lastly, we do hereby authorize and empower the said _____ to install their successors, being first duly elected and chosen, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and to invest them with all the powers and dignity to their offices respectively belonging, and such successors shall in like manner from time to time install their successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installation to be upon or near St. John the Evangelist's Day, during the continuance of this Chapter forever.

Provided always, That the above named Companions and their successors pay due respect to this Grand Royal Holy Arch Chapter, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts thereof, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or effect.

Given in open Grand Chapter, under the hands of our Grand Officers, and seal of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, this day of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 _____.

[SEAL.]

Attest,

G. Treasurer.

G. Secretary.

V.

Warrant for a New Mark Lodge.

M. E. G. High Priest.

M. E. G. King,

M. E. G. Scribe.

The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, in solemn form assembled at Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to all whom it may concern, Greeting :

KNOW YE, that we, the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in us, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brethren

Master,

Senior Warden,

and

Junior Warden of a Mark Master Ma-

son's Lodge, called

to be held at

or

within three miles of the same. And we do further authorize

and empower the said _____ to admit and make Mark Master Masons according to the usages and customs of the Order; and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and not contrariwise; and we do further empower and appoint the said _____ and their successors, to hear and determine all and singular, the matters and things relating to Mark Masonry within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, with the assistance of the members thereof.

And lastly, we do hereby authorize and empower the said _____ to install their successors being first duly elected and chosen, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and to invest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices respectively belonging; and such successors shall in like manner from time to time install their successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installation to be upon or near St. John the Evangelist's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge forever.

Provided always, That the said above named Brethren and their successors pay due respect to this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts thereof, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or effect.

Given in open Grand Chapter, under the hands of our Grand Officers, and the seal of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, this day of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 _____.

[SEAL.]

Attest,

Grand Treas.

Grand Sec'y.

The warrant for a new Most Excellent Master's Lodge shall be similar in form to that for a new Mark Lodge.

No. VI.

Form of dispensation to constitute a Chapter, and Return thereto.

We, _____ M. E. Grand High Priest of the M. E. G. H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, to our Excellent Companion,

Greeting :

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and constancy in the craft, we do, by virtue of the powers and authority in us vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your

assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Royal Arch Masons in _____ to open and constitute a new Chapter, to be held there; and to proceed to the installation of our Most Excellent Companion, _____ High Priest elect, and others, the officers of a new Chapter, there to be established and constituted, to be called and known by the name of _____ No. _____ according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal craft, in all ages, and amongst all nations in the known world, and not contrariwise; and make return to us, hereunto annexed, of your proceedings.

This dispensation to remain in force for _____ months from the date hereof, and no longer.

Given under our hand and seal, at the city of Philadelphia, this
 day of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 .
 [SEAL.] Attest, _____ G. H. P.

G. Sec'y.

I do hereby return, That in pursuance of the powers deputed in the above dispensation, on the _____ day of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 _____, in conjunction with a sufficient number of known and approved Royal Arch Masons, I did open and constitute the Chapter called _____ No. _____ and install the officers thereof according to ancient usage and form.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at
 this _____ day of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 _____.

To the M. E. G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

A Dispensation to constitute a Most Excellent or Mark Master's Lodge, with the return thereto, shall be similar in form to the above.

No. VII.

Petition to a Chapter for the Mark, Most Excellent and R. A. degrees, and for Membership; or for the degrees only.

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Companions, of
 Chapter No. _____.

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth, that he is a Geometric Master Mason, {^{now}_{late}} a member of _____ Lodge

No. held at . That he has passed the Chair, and that he is desirous of being further advanced in the mysteries of the Order by having the honorary degree of Mark Master conferred on him, by being received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason, and by being exalted to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch Mason, [and of becoming a member of your honorable Chapter,]* if, upon inquiry, he shall be found worthy.

Witness my hand this day of A. D. 18 ,

A. I. 23 .

Age,
Occupation,
Residence,

A. B.

Recommended by { C. D.
E. F.

No. VIII.

Petition to a Chapter for the M. E. and R. A. Degrees, and for Membership; or for the degrees only.

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Companions, of
Chapter No. .

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth, that he is a Geometric Master Mason, {^{now}_{late}} a member of
Lodge No. held at . That he has had the honorary degree of Mark Master conferred on him,† that he has passed the Chair, and that he is desirous of being further advanced in the mysteries of the Order by being received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason, and by being exalted to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch Mason; [and of becoming a member of your honorable Chapter,]* if upon inquiry, he shall be found worthy.

Witness my hand this day of A. D. 18 ,

A. I. 23 .

Age,
Occupation,
Residence,

A. B.

Recommended by { C. D.
E. F.

* If the petition is for the degrees only, omit the words in brackets, and insert "as a sojourner."

† If the petitioner is, or has been, a member or sojourner of any separately constituted Mark Lodge, let him here insert "that he is {^{now}_{late}} a {member} of Mark Lodge, No. held at ."

No. IX.

Form of Petition to a Chapter from a Companion for Membership.

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Companions, of
Chapter No. .

The undersigned, a Royal Arch Mason, late a member of
Chapter No. , held at as
may be seen by reference to the inclosed certificate, respectfully
prays that he may be admitted a member of your honorable Chapter.

Witness my hand this day of A. D. 18 ,
A. I. 23 .

Age,
Occupation,
Residence,

A. B.

Recommended by { C. D.
E. F.

No. X.

Petition to a Mark Master's Lodge for the Degree and Membership; or for the Degree only.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren, of
Mark Lodge No. .

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth, that he
is a Geometric Master Mason, {^{now}_{late}} a member of Lodge
No. , held at , and is desirous of being
further advanced in the mysteries of the Order, by having the
honorary degree of Mark Master Mason conferred on him, [and
of becoming a member of your honorable Lodge,]* if, upon
inquiry, he shall be found worthy.

Witness my hand this day of A. D. 18 ,
A. I. 23 .

Age,
Occupation,
Residence,

A. B.

Recommended by { C. D.
E. F.

* If the petition is for the degrees only, omit the words in brackets and insert "as a sojourner."

No. XI.

The Petitions to a Most Excellent Master's Lodge are similar in form to those to a Mark Lodge.

No. XII.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.

To the

The Committee to whom was referred the above Petition beg leave to report ^{in favor of}_{against} the prayer thereof being granted.

Witness our hands this day of A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

} Committee.

No. XIII.

Chapter Certificate for Members Travelling.

Whereas companion a Royal Arch
Mason and member of Chapter No. , held
at under a warrant from the M. E.
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction
thereunto belonging, is about to leave the State for a limited
time ; we the officers of the said Chapter, grant to him this
testimonial of his good standing with the fraternity ; to be
and continue in force until his return among us, unless
sooner revoked.

Signature of

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter this day
of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

[SEAL.] Attest,

H. P.
K.
S.

Sec'y.

No. XIV.

Chapter Certificate

Whereas, companion _____ a Royal Arch
 Mason and late a member of _____ Chapter No. _____
 held at _____ under a warrant from the
 M. E. Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic
 Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, has regularly withdrawn
 from the said Chapter, and conformed to its By-Laws;
 we, the officers thereof, grant to him this testimonial of
 his conduct as a worthy companion during his continuance
 among us, and recommend him to the favorable consideration
 of the Masonic fraternity.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this _____ day
 of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 _____.

[SEAL] Attest, H. P.
 K.
 Sec'y. S.

No. XV.

Certificates for members of separately constituted Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges shall be similar in form to the above Chapter certificates.

No. XVI.

Recommendation for a Grand Chapter Certificate.

To _____ Most Excellent Grand High Priest
 of the M. E. G. H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic
 Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

We do hereby certify that companion _____ is a
 Royal Arch Mason { ^{now} _{late} } a member in good standing of
 Chapter No. _____, at _____. We therefore
 recommend him as worthy of obtaining a Grand Chapter Certificate.

Witness our hands and the seal of the said Chapter this _____ day
 of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 _____.

[SEAL.] Attest, H. P.
 K.
 Sec'y. S.

No. XVII.

Grand Chapter Certificate.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
of Pennsylvania, and Masonic
Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.
To all ancient regular Holy Royal
Arch Masons throughout the Globe.

UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

We do hereby certify the
bearer hereof companion

NE
VARIETUR.

^{ now }
^{ late } a member of Holy
Royal Arch Chapter number
. . . under our jurisdiction,
hath been Exalted to the Su-
preme Degree of a HOLY ROYAL
ARCH MASON, and hath performed
all his works amongst us to the
entire satisfaction of the Com-
panions.

He is therefore recommended
as such.

In testimony whereof we have
caused him to sign his name in
the margin, Ne Varietur.

Given at Philadelphia, Penn-
sylvania, this day of
A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

Magnum, Veneratum, Regium, Su-
premiūque Capitulum, Pennsyl-
vaniæ, cum jurisdictione latomicâ
ad idem pertinente, omnibus anti-
quis, regularibus, veneratis, regiis,
supremisque Latomis, in Orbem
Terrarum ubique sparsis.

UNITATEM, SANITATEM, FELICITA-
TEMQUE PERPETUAM.

Nos hisce præsentibus notum faci-
mus, et Testamur sodalem nostrum,
.
^{ nunc }
^{ nuper } socium venerati, regii, supre-
mique, Capitali numero . . .
agnitum, nostrâque sub jurisdic-
tione, ad altissimum gradum vene-
rati, regii, supremique Latomi pro-
motum fuisse, operaque sua inter
nos maximâ cum approbatione so-
dalium omnium perfecisse. Qua-
propter illum optimo universis ac
singulis fraterno, corde commenda-
vimus.

In cujus testimonio has ei litteras
dedimus, et ille suum nomen in mar-
ginem, posuit, ne errorem, aliosque
adjuvare queant.

Datum Philadelphię, Pennsylvani-
æ Statu, uno ex Americæ, Sep-
tentrionalis Statibus Unitis. Die
A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

G. H. P.

G. K.

G. S.

[L. s.] *Attest,*

G. S.

To Companion _____ a Royal Arch Mason,
and member of Chapter No. _____, under the jurisdiction
of the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and
Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging At a { stated } meeting
of Chapter No. _____, held at _____
the _____ day of _____, A. D. 18_____, A. I. 23_____,
you were appointed the representative of this Chapter, in the
said M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and
Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

[SEAL.] Attest,
 Sec'y.

H. P.

(ART. XV., (C.) SECT. 4.)

We, M. E. Grand High Priest of the
M. E. G. H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic
Jurisdiction thereunto belonging; To Chapter [or
M. E. M. or Mark Lodge] No. , held at ,
under the jurisdiction of our M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter,
Greeting :

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in us vested, to hold an election for officers at your next regular stated meeting: Provided, however, that due and timely notice be given to the members of your Chapter [or Lodge] of such election.

And for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hand and seal, this day of ,
A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

[SEAL.] Attest, G. H. P.

Sec'y.

No. XX.

Special Election Return.

We, the officers of Chapter [or M. E. M. or Mark Lodge] No. , held at under the authority of the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, do hereby certify to the said M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter, that at an Election held by virtue of a dispensation from the M. E. Grand High Priest, on the day of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 , the following Companions [or brethren] were duly elected officers of the said Chapter [or Lodge], for the remainder of the term ending on St. John the Evangelist's Day, A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

Witness our hands, and the seal of the said Chapter [or Lodge] at the day of , A. D. 18 ,
A. I. 23 .

[SEAL.] Attest, H. P.

K.

Sec'y.

S.

OFFICERS ELECTED on the day of A. D. 18 ,
 A. I. 23 . High Priest, King,
 Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary.

I, High Priest of H. R. A. Chapter
 No. , *do hereby Certify*, to the M. E. Grand Holy Royal
 Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction there-
 unto belonging, that the foregoing contains a just and true Return
 of the Members of H. R. A. Chapter No. , and
 of the Exaltations, Admissions, &c., in the said Chapter, during
 the time above-mentioned; also a just and true account of the
 Dues owing from said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, during the
 same period;—*And I do further Certify*, That at an Election
 held on the day above stated, the above named Companions were
 duly elected Officers of the said Chapter for the term of twelve
 months succeeding the next St. John's Day.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and
 caused the Seal of the said Chapter to be affixed at

the day of A. D. 18 , A. I. 28 .

High Priest of Chapter No.

ATTEST

Secretary of Chapter No.

NOTE.—It is recommended to the Chapter to preserve among its Archives
 a Duplicate of the above Return, and to forward the original to the Grand
 Secretary, paying the postage thereof, on or before St. John the Evangelist's
 Day.

No. XXII. •

The Annual Returns of separately constituted Most Excellent
 and Mark Master's Lodges, shall be similar in form to the above
 Chapter returns.

No. XXIII.

Commission to a District Deputy Grand H. P.

We, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
 of the M. E. G. H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic
 Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

To our trusty and well-beloved Companion a Past
 Most Excellent High Priest, and a member of Chapter

No. under the jurisdiction of our Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

WISDOM. STRENGTH. FRATERNITY.

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and skill in the Masonic art, we do, by virtue and in pursuance of the powers and authorities in us vested, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you our said beloved Companion our District Deputy Grand High Priest, in and for the Masonic District of Pennsylvania, comprising the Counties of

And we do hereby invest you with the rank and dignity of a District Deputy Grand High Priest of our M. E. G. H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging: And we do hereby authorize and empower you "as such," to visit respectively all the Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Master's Lodges now constituted, or which may hereafter be constituted, within the said District, as often as may be convenient, or you may judge necessary, to inspect their labors, and examine and inquire into the state of the said Chapters and Lodges, and their proceedings, and to give them all due Masonic advice and instruction. Also, in our name, and on our behalf, to deliver to the said Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and brotherly Addresses, recommending Harmony and Union, and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

And that you annually make Reports to our Most Excellent Grand Chapter of your proceedings in the premises. This power and authority to be and continue in force during our continuance in office, unless sooner superseded or revoked, hereby revoking all former Commissions that may have issued from us, or any of our predecessors in office, to any person or persons, vesting in them the like power and authority within the said District.

Given under our hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 23 .

[SEAL.] Attest,

Grand Secretary.

G. H. Priest.

No. XXIV.

Deputation to Visit Chapters, and M. E. and Mark Master's Lodges.

We **M. E. G. High Priest of the M. E. G. H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, to the High Priest, Officers and Companions of all the Chapters, and to the Masters, Officers and Brethren of all the M. E. and Mark Master's Lodges held in _____, Greeting :**

By virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby authorize, empower and request our faithful and beloved Companion, _____ a Past M. E. High Priest, and a member of _____ Chapter, No. _____, under the jurisdiction of our Most Excellent Grand Chapter, in our name and behalf to visit all the said Chapters and Lodges, to examine and inquire into their state and proceedings, and to make report thereon.

Also in our name, and in our behalf, to deliver to the said Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and brotherly addresses; recommending harmony and union amongst the Companions and Brethren and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

And also, for the purposes aforesaid, to congregate the High Priests, Officers and Companions of the said Chapters, and Masters, Officers and Brethren of said Lodges at such times and places within the limits of the respective Chapters and Lodges as to him shall appear fit. This authority to continue in force for the term of _____ from the date of these presents, and no longer.

Given under our hand and seal at the City of Philadelphia, this
day of _____, A. D. 18____, A. I. 23____.

G. H. P.

[SEAL.]

Attest,

G. Secretary.

No. XXV.

Commission to a Companion to Visit foreign Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters.

NE VARIETUR..... To the Most Excellent Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Holy Royal Arch Masons in the two hemispheres, we
M. E. Grand High Priest of the M. E.
G. H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, send Greeting,
HEALTH, STABILITY AND HAPPINESS :

Whereas, it is the intention of our worthy and well-beloved Companion, _____, a Member of _____ Chapter No. _____, under our jurisdiction, and of our M. E. Grand Chapter, to travel into { ^{distant countries/} other States, } we therefore, in order to promote, as far as in us lies, a brotherly communication with the different Chapters in the { ^{world.} United States, } do hereby request and require our said Companion, _____, to visit the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the different { ^{countries.} States, } through which he may travel, and producing these, our credentials, to assure them of our most fraternal regards, and of our dispositions to cultivate a mutual correspondence, and to give to said Grand Chapters, Chapters, or Companions, such information as may be requisite concerning the state of the Craft with us, conceiving that it will manifestly tend to promote order, harmony, and reciprocal affection over the globe.

Not doubting but that this our Companion will meet with all due attention wherever he shall make himself known, and promising all due respect and attention to foreign Companions in like manner recommended to us, we have caused him to sign his name in his usual signature in the margin hereof, Ne varietur; and herewith we commend him to the protection of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Given under our hand and the seal of our Grand Chapter, at Philadelphia, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18 _____, A. I. 23 _____.

G. H. P.

[SEAL.] Attest,

G. Sec'y.

AN
HISTORIC SKETCH
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.
IN
PENNSYLVANIA.

HISTORIC SKETCH

OF THE

CAPITULAR DEGREES.

THE claim of Freemasonry to great antiquity is sometimes injudiciously pressed, through a mistaken notion that the character of an Order unquestionably "ancient" depends in any sense upon an undue attempt at mystery. The opponents of the Order, and those who, though perhaps not to be classed with its opponents, yet have never sought admittance within its portals, and regard the institution of Freemasonry with feelings at the least of cold indifference,—in a word, the outside world,—have seized upon this claim as a pretext for casting ridicule upon the entire institution, without reference to its real merits. A disposition to adhere more closely to historic facts of undoubted existence, with such inferences as are justly, and without exaggeration, to be drawn therefrom, is more becoming the real dignity, and the intrinsic worth of this ancient and honorable fraternity.

Freemasonry in Pennsylvania traces its origin to the Lodges in England. Prior to the year 930, (A. L. 4930,) the order had existed in England for many centuries, but without that complete organization and form which it possesses at the present time, and which dates its commencement from the lodge established in that year at York, under the patronage of Prince Edward, who obtained for it a charter from his brother King Athelstane. By virtue of this charter, all the masons in the kingdom were congregated at York, where they formed a general or Grand Lodge for the future government and regulation of the craft, under the Grand Mastership of Prince Edwin.

In 1717, the lodges in the south of England, four in number, met in London, and formed the *Grand Lodge of England*; and

the Grand Lodge which met at York was from thenceforth, or shortly afterwards, known as the *Grand Lodge of all England*. For a series of years the most perfect harmony subsisted between these two Grand Lodges, and subordinate lodges flourished in both parts of the kingdom under their separate jurisdictions.

After a time, dissensions arose, owing to changes in the regulations adopted by the respective Grand Lodges, and differences of opinion as to the lawfulness of such changes; and these dissensions led finally to open and avowed hostility, and a refusal of the brethren owing allegiance to the respective Grand Lodges to recognize or associate with each other as Masons. This rupture was finally most happily healed in the year 1813 by the complete reconciliation of all differences, and the union of all the lodges in England under one Grand Lodge, with the style and title of the "*United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England*."

But the effects of the rupture had necessarily been felt in America, and continued to manifest themselves till long after it had been healed in England; and have not yet wholly disappeared. One of the points of difference between the two Grand Lodges in England had been in reference to the Royal Arch Degree. This degree was originally founded upon, and in truth was but a complement of the Master's degree, rather than a distinct degree in itself. Prior to about 1740, it had no separate existence, and any Master Mason's Lodge might open a Chapter under its warrant and confer the degree. But about 1740, certain lodges which had separated from the "Grand Lodge of England," and called themselves "*Ancients*," and joined with the "Grand Lodge of *all England*," cut off the Royal Arch from the Master's degree.

The first Lodge in Pennsylvania, was held under a warrant from the provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, dated June 24th, 1734. This provincial Grand Lodge derived its authority from the "Grand Lodge of England." The Lodge thus established, had for its first Master, Doctor Benjamin Franklin, and met in Philadelphia. It continued in existence until 1786, when it died out, and no other Lodge was ever constituted in Pennsylvania, either mediately or immediately, under the authority of the "Grand Lodge of England."

Some time anterior to 1758, Lodge No. 2 was constituted in

the City of Philadelphia, by virtue of a warrant from the "Grand Lodge of *all* England," commonly known as the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons. Other lodges were soon after constituted under the authority of the same Grand Lodge. In 1764, William Ball, Esq., was commissioned as Provincial Grand Master, and continued to act as such till 1779, when he was elected Grand Master by the officers and representatives of the Lodges of Pennsylvania, in Grand Lodge assembled. The connection with the "Grand Lodge of *all* England," was not formally dissolved till 1786, in September of which year thirteen Lodges were convened in Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, and it was unanimously resolved, "That it is improper that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should remain any longer under the authority of any foreign Grand Lodge;" and the Grand Lodge thereupon closed *sine die*. On the next day the same thirteen Lodges met in grand convention, and formed themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, and William Ball, Esq., was elected to his former office of Grand Master. This is the same body which still exists under the style and title of "The Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

The first Royal Arch Chapter in America, of which any definite or particular account is extant, is that held in Philadelphia prior to 1758. This Chapter worked under the warrant of Lodge No. 3, and was recognized and had communion with a military chapter working under a warrant No. 351, granted by the "Grand Lodge of *all* England;" and its proceedings were subsequently approved by that body, as appears by a communication from its Deputy Grand Master, Lawrence Dermott. Upon like principles other Chapters were established in Pennsylvania. In November, 1795, an irregular attempt was made, at the instance of one Molan, to introduce innovations in the Royal Arch Degree, and to form an independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter under the warrants of Lodges No. 19, 52, and 67, held in the City of Philadelphia, and as he pretended, of a Lodge constituted by authority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of another held under the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

The Chapter working under the warrant of Lodge No. 3, instituted an inquiry into these proceedings, which they declared

after investigation, to be contrary to the established uniformity of the Craft. The Grand Lodge, upon complaint made, suspended the warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52, and 67; and appointed a committee to inquire into the facts alleged in the complaint, "and into any other facts that may have relation to the introduction of a schism among the Lodges in Pennsylvania, and to propose such measures as may have a tendency to prevent any schism in future."

This committee consisted of the Right Worshipful JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Past Grand Master, the R. W. THOMAS TOWN, Senior Grand Warden, the R. W. JOHN POOR, Junior Grand Warden, DANIEL MCCABRAHER, Past Master of Lodge No. 9, and the R. W. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq., Past Grand Secretary. The Committee in their Report, after setting forth the facts, proposed (together with several Resolutions having relation to the exigencies of the particular case,) the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, November 23, 1795, to wit:

"Whereas, The Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction over all Lodges of Ancient York Masons, held in Pennsylvania, has uniformly been, and is duly and legally vested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"And whereas, The Officers of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge are constitutionally members of the Grand Lodge, although they may not have obtained any degree above that of Master Mason.

"And whereas, It is the acknowledged right of all regular warranted Lodges, so far as they have ability and numbers, to make Masons in the higher degrees, and as it is possible that some differences may exist, or innovations may be attempted to be introduced in those higher degrees, which for want of some proper plan of appeal may create schism among brethren.

"And whereas, Since many years, there has been established in this City, according to ancient forms, a Royal Arch Chapter, under the sanction of the warrant of Lodge No. 3, whose work has met with the approbation of all visiting Royal Arch Masons from different parts of the world.

"And whereas, The number of Royal Arch Masons is greatly increased, insomuch that other Chapters are established in this city and in other parts of Pennsylvania.

"And whereas, It was always contemplated that such Chapters regularly held, should be under the protection of this Grand Lodge.

"And whereas, It is the prevailing wish of the Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction, that a Royal Arch *Grand Chapter*, should be opened under the authority of this Grand Lodge :

"Be it therefore and it is hereby resolved, That a **GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER** be opened, under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Be it further Resolved, That all past and existing officers of the Grand Lodge, having duly obtained the degree of Royal Arch—and all past and existing officers of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, duly and regularly convened under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be considered as members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that all members of regular Chapters shall be admitted to their meetings, but not to have any vote nor speak to any question, unless requested.

"Be it further Resolved, That the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter, shall hold one stated annual meeting on the day preceding St. John the Evangelist, in each year, and occasional chapters when necessity requires, and shall have power to elect all its officers, saving that the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the time being, if of that degree, shall always preside as High Priest; that the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter make its own By-Laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from Chapters held under warrants to be issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge. But the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter, shall not at any time raise any brother to the degree of Royal Arch."

The offending Lodges, by the mild and firm course of the Grand Lodge were convinced of their errors, and having acknowledged the same, were received into favor, having their warrants restored to them.

Thus was the first Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons established in America.

In 1798, Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Grand Lodge, for the government of the Grand Chapter, by which, among other things, it was determined, that no Chapter should be held within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic

Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, but under the authority and sanction of a regular subsisting warrant granted by the Grand Lodge according to the old institutions and by the consent of such Lodge, signified to the Grand Chapter; that no regular Chapter can be held without the presence of six regularly registered Royal Arch Masons; that no brother can take the degree unless he have taken the three first degrees and have filled the office of Worshipful Master, or passed the chair by dispensation: and that the expenses of the Grand Chapter should be borne by the Grand Lodge.

In October 1797, a Convention of Committees from several Chapters, in the Northern States, assembled at Masons' Hall, in Boston, authorized "to meet any or every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, within the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York, or with any committee or committees duly appointed and authorized by any or all of said Chapters, and to deliberate on the propriety and expediency of forming and establishing a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the government and regulation of the several Chapters within the said States."

This Convention, of which Thomas Smith Webb was Chairman, in a circular letter addressed to the Chapters in said six States, assumed, in opposition to the opinion and precedent given by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "That no Grand Lodge of Master Masons can claim or exercise authority over any Convention or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

In January of the following year, at a convention assembled in response to said circular letter, a General Grand Royal Arch Chapter was established over the foregoing States. In 1806, the General Grand Chapter of the United States was formed, four State Grand Chapters only, being represented, to wit: Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania condemned this organization of Royal Arch Masonry, contending for the old Constitutions by which the Arch was considered as properly under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and denying the expediency and masonic legality of a separate supreme jurisdiction.

The General Grand Chapter introduced various innovations upon the ancient and established work of Royal Arch Masonry.

These innovations are openly avowed and explained thus in the Appendix to the 16th Edition of the Masonic Chart, by Jeremy L. Cross.

"After the Grand Lodges of the several States had declared themselves free and independent, and the General Grand Chapter was formed and established in 1798, it was deemed advisable to adopt a regular and uniform mode of lecturing and work for the whole ; and, in order to accomplish this great desideratum, the expert workmen from various parts of the country met together.

"The work was completed and adopted fully by the year 1810. It was at this period the author commenced lecturing in the New England States, with all those bright and well-informed Masons, who had been so assiduous in selecting and arranging the above system ; which was by them adopted as the most correct. Taking the 'Ancient York Rite' for a standard, they selected from the 'Scottish Rite' those things which approximated to the former, and out of the two systems they formed a very perfect and complete set of lectures, which are beautiful in themselves, and have been preserved entire to the present hour."

The mode of work and lecturing in Pennsylvania is different from that adopted by the General Grand Chapter. Pennsylvania adhered to the "Ancient York Rite." The degrees of Most Excellent Master and Mark Master have, however, been admitted within her jurisdiction, and are now pre-requisites for obtaining therein the Arch degree.

Upon the 17th December, 1810, a committee was appointed by the Grand Hiram Royal Arch Chapter to revise and amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter. This committee reported December 21, 1812, a code of By-Laws which was adopted by the Grand Chapter, and upon being presented to the Grand Lodge for approval, the same was duly approved by that body.

The Preamble to this code, which is of interest in its historic connection, is as follows :

"Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees, the first of which are those of Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Sublime Degree of Master Mason ; and a brother being well versed in these degrees, and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of Master, and fulfilled the duties thereof with the appro-

bation of the Brethren of his Lodge, is eligible on due trial and examination by the Chiefs of the Chapter to whom he shall have applied, and by them found worthy of being admitted to the Fourth Degree—the Holy Royal Arch.

“It follows, of course, that every regularly warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of these degrees, the last of which, from its pre-eminence, is denominated, among Masons, **A CHAPTER**. That the said Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch may be established, held, and conducted with the regularity, discipline, and solemnity becoming the sublime intention with which they have from time immemorial, been held as an essential component part of Ancient Masonry, and that which is the perfection and end of the beautiful system, the excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the old institutions assembled, and constitutionally convened in General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, have carefully collected, revised and adopted the following regulations for the government thereof, that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every regular warranted Lodge on the Register, and may be solemnly and finally made a part of the Book of Laws and Regulations of the Craft.”

Royal Arch Masonry continued to spread in Pennsylvania, and its government under the control of the Grand Lodge was found to be inefficient, and many efforts to modify it were made. For many years these efforts were fruitless. But at length, July 16, 1824, a Constitution was adopted by the Grand Chapter, with the assent of the Grand Lodge, by which the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was made independent of the Grand Lodge, and invested with power to elect its own officers; to make By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for its own government; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodges under its jurisdiction; to grant warrants for holding Royal Arch Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodges, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure; and to exercise jurisdiction over the same.

In accordance with this Constitution, the Grand Chapter, December 23d, A. D. 1828, A. I. 2358, adopted a series of Rules and Regulations; and has been governed by this Constitution,

Rules and Regulations with but few alterations and amendments from that time till the adoption of the Constitution which precedes this sketch, and which contains no fundamental alterations. A change from the Constitution of 1824, was made in 1855, when a provision was introduced adding to the list of those who composed the Grand Chapter "All High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction." As a member of a subordinate Chapter was eligible to the offices of High Priest, King and Scribe therein, without having passed the Chair of a Blue Lodge by election; this provision introduced as members of the Grand Chapter, some who were not members of the Grand Lodge, and who ceased to be members of the Grand Chapter immediately upon the termination of their term of office in the subordinate Chapter. This provision is not retained in the present Constitution, the Grand Chapter having in this respect returned to the old Constitution of 1824.

No Most Excellent Masters' Lodge has ever been constituted under a separate warrant within this jurisdiction.

In 18—, a separate Mark Lodge was opened and held under the warrant of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, in the City of Philadelphia; and continued to work under it till the Grand Chapter was established under the Constitution of 1824, when a warrant was obtained from the Grand Chapter.

The several tabular statements which follow show the details respecting the Chapters and Mark Lodges which have existed within the Masonic Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and also the names of the past and present Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter.

NOTE.

Date of Royal Arch Documents.

Each of the systems of Masonry has a date peculiar to itself. Thus the epoch of the creation of light in the beginning of the world, has been assumed, for a symbolic reason, as the era of Ancient Craft Masonry, and all documents connected with the first three degrees are dated from this period, which date is found by adding 4000 to the number of years of the Christian era, and is designated as the year of light, or *Anno Lucis*, usually abbreviated A. L. Thus a masonic document of the symbolic degrees issued during the present year, would be dated A. D. 1863, A. L. 5863.

Royal Arch Masons use this date also, but they further regard the year in which the building of the second temple was begun, as the peculiar era of the Capitular Degrees. This era is designated as the year of the discovery, or *Anno Inventionis*, usually abbreviated A. I., or A. Inv. The second temple was commenced 530 years before the Christian era, and hence the Royal Arch date is found by adding that number of years to the Christian era. Thus a masonic document of the Capitular Degrees, issued during the present year, would be dated A. D. 1863, A. I. 2393.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

No.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	REMARKS.
8	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia....	Nov. 15, 1824.	<i>The Chapters up to No. 152 originally worked under Blue Lodge Warrants. The dates given are the dates of their Constitution under Warrants from the Grand Chapter as organized in 1824.</i>
21	Perseverance.....	Harrisburg.....	Feb. 12, 1827.	
43		Lancaster... ..	Feb. 20, 1826.	
52	Harmony.....	Philadelphia....	Dec. 20, 1824.	
67	Concordia.....	".....	<i>Never constituted under Warrant from Grand Chapter.</i>
91	Columbia.....	".....	Mar. 11, 1825.	
150	Washington.....	Washington.....	June 19, 1827.	<i>Ceased to exist for many years; re-organized Mar. 10, 1846.</i>
151		Loudon Grove... ..	Oct. 19, 1827.	
152	Reading.....	Reading.....	Nov. 19, 1827.	<i>No Returns ever received.</i>
153		Somerset.....	Nov. 19, 1827.	
154		Lewistown.....	Nov. 19, 1827.	
155		Bellefonte.....	April 7, 1828.	
156		Carlisle.....	April 7, 1828.	
157		Easton.....	April 7, 1828.	
158		Spring Grove... ..	April 7, 1828.	
159	Schuylkill.....	Minersville.....	May 17, 1838.	
160				<i>A Chapter was constituted April 4, 1840, under this No. to meet at Vandalia, Ill., but no returns were ever received.</i>
161	Union.....	Towanda.....	May 19, 1845.	
162	Zerubbabel.....	Pittsburgh.....	May 18, 1846.	
163	Lafayette.....	Lockhaven.....	Nov. 20, 1848.	
164	Brownsville.....	Brownsville.....	May 21, 1849.	
165		Uniontown.....	May 21, 1849.	<i>Suspended Nov. 16, 1857.</i>
166	Mount Moriah.....	Hollidaysburg...	May 21, 1849.	
167	Eureka.....	Rochester.....	Nov. 19, 1849.	
168		Waynesburg....	Dec. 20, 1849.	<i>Suspended Nov. 16, 1857.</i>
169	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia....	Mar. 18, 1850.	
170		Newcastle.....	Dec. 27, 1851.	<i>Suspended Nov. 16, 1857.</i>
171	St. John's.....	Carlisle.....	Nov. 15, 1852.	
172	Temple.....	Tunkhannock...	June 15, 1853.	
173	Easton.....	Easton.....	Feb. 21, 1853.	
174	Northumberland....	Northumberland.	Feb. 21, 1853.	
175	Keystone.....	Philadelphia....	May 16, 1853.	

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

No.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	REMARKS.
176	George Washington	Chambersburg ..	Nov. 20, 1854.	
177	Tamaqua	Tamaqua.....	Nov. 20, 1854.	
178	Catawissa.....	Catawissa.....	Feb. 19, 1855.	
179	Eureka	Carbondale	Feb. 19, 1855.	
180	Warren	Montrose.....	Nov. 20, 1854.	
181	Lilly.....	Mauch Chunk...	May 21, 1855.	
182	Shekinah	Wilkesbarre.....	Nov. 19, 1855.	
183	Oriental.....	Philadelphia	Feb. 18, 1856.	
184		Kittanning	May 21, 1855.	
185	Lackawanna.....	Scranton	Mar. 12, 1856.	
186	Lewistown	Lewistown.....	May 19, 1856.	
187	Oriental.....	Conneautville...	July 8, 1856.	
188				<i>No Chapter constituted under this number.</i>
189	Mountain	Altoona.....	Aug. 16, 1858.	
190	Norristown	Norristown.....	Dec. 27, 1858.	
191	Solomon's.. ..	Meadville	Dec. 27, 1858.	
192	Urania.....	Greensburg.....	Feb. 21, 1859.	
193	Duquesne.....	Pittsburgh	Aug. 15, 1859.	
194	Tioga	Wellsboro.....	Aug. 15, 1859.	
195	Portage.....	Johnstown.	Nov. 21, 1859.	
196	Mountain City..	Pottsville	Nov. 21, 1859.	
197	Weidle	Lebanon	May 21, 1860.	
198	Phoenix.....	Phoenixville.....	Feb. 18, 1861.	

MARK LODGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

No.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	REMARKS.
67	Concordia.....	Philadelphia	May 16, 1825.	<i>Ceased July 3, 1832.</i>
91	Columbia.....	"	Mar. 11, 1825.	
213	Zerubbabel.....	"	May 20, 1839.	<i>Ceased Dec. 27, 1841.</i>
214	Girard	"	May 17, 1847.	
216	Excelsior	"	Feb. 20, 1854.	

NOTE.—Nos. 67 and 91 both worked under the warrants of the Blue Lodges of the same numbers respectively, for many years prior to their constitution under warrants from the Grand Chapter as organized in 1824.

**LIST OF THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

Year Dec 27	M. E. Grand High Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.
1824	Michael Nisbet.....	John Steele.....	T. B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer.
1825	John Steele, Jr.....	T. B. Freeman.....	Joseph S. Riley.....	"
1826	T. B. Freeman.....	Joseph S. Riley.....	John M. Read.....	"
1827	Joseph S. Riley.....	John M. Read.....	Samuel H. Perkins..	"
1828	John M. Read.....	Samuel H. Perkins..	Thomas Kittera.....	Joseph S. Riley.
1829	"	"	Enos S. Gandy.....	"
1830				
1831	Samuel H. Perkins..	Enos S. Gandy.....	John Y. Black.....	"
1832	"	"	"	"
1833	Enos S. Gandy.....	John Y. Black.....	Joseph R. Chandler..	"
1834	John Y. Black.....	Joseph R. Chandler..	Francis Cooper.....	"
1835	Joseph R. Chandler..	Francis Cooper.....	George S. Schott.....	"
1836	"	"	"	"
1837	"	"	"	Charles Stout.
1838	"	"	"	"
1839	"	Alexander Diamond..	George Smith.....	"
1840	Alexander Diamond..	George Smith	William Whitney.....	"
1841	"	William Whitney.....	William Barger.....	"
1842	William Whitney.....	William Barger.....	John G. Russell.....	John Thomson.
1843	"	"	"	"
1844	William Barger.....	Jno. W. McGrath	John J. Krider.....	"
1845	"	"	James Simpson.....	"
1846	Jno. W. McGrath.....	John J. Krider.....	"	"
1847	John J. Krider.....	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett.....	"
1848	James Simpson.....	David C. Skerrett.....	Edward P. Lescure...	"
1849	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure...	Anth'y Bournonville.	"
1850	"	"	"	"
1851	Edward P. Lescure...	Anth'y Bournonville.	Robert Frazer.....	"
1852	"	"	"	"
1853	Anth'y Bournonville.	Harman Baugh.....	Robert McCulloch....	"
1854	Harman Baugh.....	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"
1855	"	"	"	"
1856	John C. Smith.....	Daniel Thompson.....	Jer'h L. Hutchinson .	"
1857	Daniel Thompson.....	Benjamin Parke.....	Peter Williamson.....	"
1858	"	"	Harman Yerkes.....	"
1859	Benjamin Parke.....	Harman Yerkes.....	Jer'h L. Hutchinson..	"
1860	Harman Yerkes.....	Jer'h L. Hutchinson.	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson.
1861	Jer'h L. Hutchinson .	George W. Wood.....	Samuel C. Perkins....	"
1862	"	"	"	"
1863	George W. Wood.....	Samuel C. Perkins ..	George Griscom	"

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CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

Year. Dec 27	Grand Secretary.	Grand Captain of the Host.	Grand Principal Sojourner.	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
1824	Nathan R. Potts.....	George H. Burgin.....	John Uhle.....	John Horton.
1825	"	Henry Horn.....	Samuel Wonderly.....	Francis Cooper.
1826	Samuel H. Thomas...	"	"	"
1827	"	John K. Kane.....	"	"
1828	"	"	Francis Cooper.....	Charles Stout.
1829	} Minutes missing...	"	"	"
1830		"	"	"
1831	Samuel H. Thomas...	William B. Kerr.....	Thomas S. Manning...	George S. Schott.
1832	John M. Read.....	Charles Stout.....	Francis Cooper.....	John Hogan.
1833	Samuel H. Perkins...	"	"	"
1834	"	"	"	"
1835	"	"	J. R. Helmbold.....	Alex. Diamond.
1836	Samuel M. Stewart...	"	"	Joseph Meyers.
1837	"	Alexander Diamond.	John J. Krider.....	"
1838	"	"	"	"
1839	Bayse Newcomb.....	John J. Krider.....	J. R. Helmbold.....	"
1840	Michael Nisbet.....	John Thomson	John J. Krider.....	"
1841	"	"	"	"
1842	William H. Adams...	John J. Krider.....	J. A. Phillips.....	"
1843	"	"	John H. Markland...	"
1844	"	E. P. Lescure.....	Robert McCulloch...	"
1845	"	"	"	"
1846	"	"	"	"
1847	"	"	"	"
1848	"	Anth'y Bournonville.	Thomas B. Florence.	"
1849	"	Robert Frazer.....	Daniel Thompson.....	"
1850	"	"	George Thomson.....	G. P. Cummings.
1851	"	John C. Smith.....	Daniel Thompson	"
1852	"	"	"	Abraham West.
1853	"	Abraham West.....	Anthony E. Stocker...	E. Stirling Wilson.
1854	"	"	John Thornley.....	Frederick Shultz.
1855	"	John Thornley.....	Wm. W. Thomson....	"
1856	"	"	Wm. English.....	George H. Ashton.
1857	"	John Beenken.....	"	John L. Young.
1858	"	"	"	"
1859	"	Wm. English.....	John L. Young.....	George W. Hufty.
1860	"	Samuel C. Perkins...	Charles M. Howell....	Henry J. White.
1861	"	Peter A. Keyser.....	"	"
1862	"	"	Joseph H. Hedges....	"
1863	"	"	"	"

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CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Year, Dec 27	Grand Master of Third Vall.	Grand Master of Second Vall.	Grand Master of First Vall.	Grand Marshal.	Grand Tyler.
1824	Charles Stout.....	John Breban.....	E. T. Weaver.....	Sam. M. Stewart.	Chas. Schnider...
1825	E. T. Weaver.....	Charles Stout.....	S. H. Perkins.....	"	"
1826	"	"	"	Thos. M. Pettit...	"
1827	"	"	Benj. T. Neal...	"	"
1828	"	John Y. Black...	Geo. Blackford..	Enos S. Gandy...	"
1829					"
1830					"
1831	John Hogan.....	William Badger.	— Curtis.....		"
1832	W. R. Kerr.....	Joseph Shiner...	John Scott.....	George S. Schott.	"
1833	"	James Hickey....	"		"
1834					"
1835	J. A. Phillips.....	James Hickey....	J. Baker.....		"
1836	"	J. A. Phillips.....	James Hickey...		"
1837	Wm. Whitney ...	John Thomson...	J. W. McGrath...		"
1838	"	"	"		"
1839	J. W. McGrath....	James Hickey....	John Thomson...		"
1840	"	J. A. Phillips.....	J. H. Markland.		"
1841	"	"	"		"
1842	J. H. Markland...	E. P. Lescure....	Robt. McCulloch.		"
1843	Edw. P. Lescure.	Robt. McCulloch.	James Simpson .		"
1844	James Simpson...	Thos. B. Florence.	Danl. Thompson		Wm. B. Schnider.
1845	T. B. Florence...	Danl. Thompson.	Jos. H. Israell...		"
1846	"	"	"		"
1847	"	"	"		"
1848	Danl. Thompson.	Michael Bouvier.	J. A. Phillips...	Robt McCulloch.	"
1849	J. A. Phillips.....	George Thomson.	Wm. S. Shultz...	Wash. Richards.	"
1850	George Griscom..	E. H. Butler.....	C. C. Williams...	Robt. McCulloch.	"
1851	A. E. Stocker.....	C. C. Williams...	Wm. S. Shultz...	Wash. Richards.	"
1852	"	"	George Griscom.	James Kelly.....	"
1853	Michael Bouvier.	John Thornley ..	Thos. E. Baxter.	"	"
1854	W. W. Thomson..	J. Alex. Simpson.	Chas. Brothers..	"	"
1855	Wm. Leach.....	John Beenken....	George H. Hart..	"	"
1856	John Beenken...	Wm. B. Harpur..	S. C. Perkins.....	Hen. C. Howell..	"
1857	Charles Gilpin....	Geo. W. Hufty...	George Alkins...	J. Loudenslager	"
1858	"	"	"	"	"
1859	Theo. T. Johnson.	Michael Nisbet...	"	Harman Baugh..	"
1860	Peter A. Keyser..	Richard Wildey.	Alfred R. Potter.	"	"
1861	Abraham Miller .	George Alkins...	"	"	"
1862	"	"	"	"	"
1863	Alfred R. Potter...	Edward Masson..	Wm. M. Ireland.	"	"

NOTE.—The Minutes for 1829, 1830 and 1834 are imperfect, and do not show the appointments made by the Grand High Priest; and the appointment of a Grand Marshal, for a number of years, seems to have been omitted, or not noted upon the Minutes. For some four or five years after the organization of the Grand Chapter, two Grand Stewards were annually appointed by the Grand High Priest. The Minutes contain no record of the appointment of any such officers from 1829 to 1847, inclusive. From 1848 to 1853, three Grand Stewards were annually appointed. Since the latter date the office of Grand Steward has not been known in the Grand Chapter; but two Grand Masters of Ceremonies, a Senior and Junior, have from that time been annually appointed. Since 1858 a Grand Pursuivant has been annually appointed; prior to that year his duties were performed by the Royal Arch Captain.

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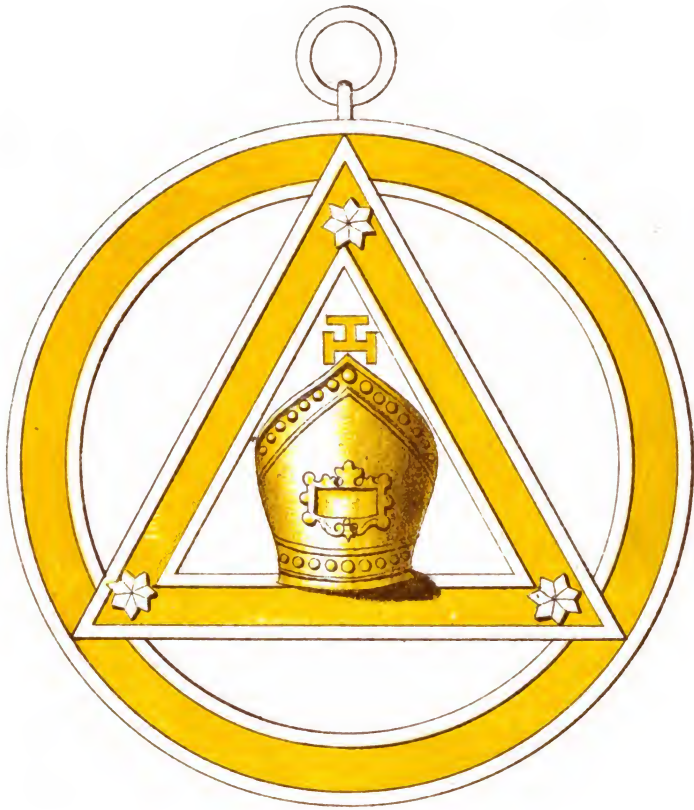
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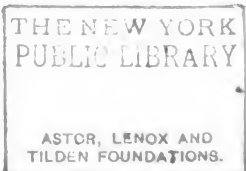
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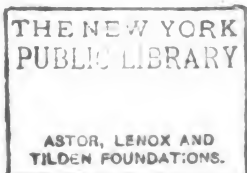
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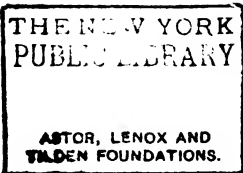


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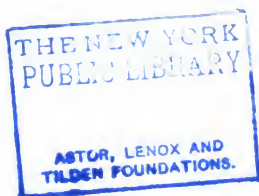


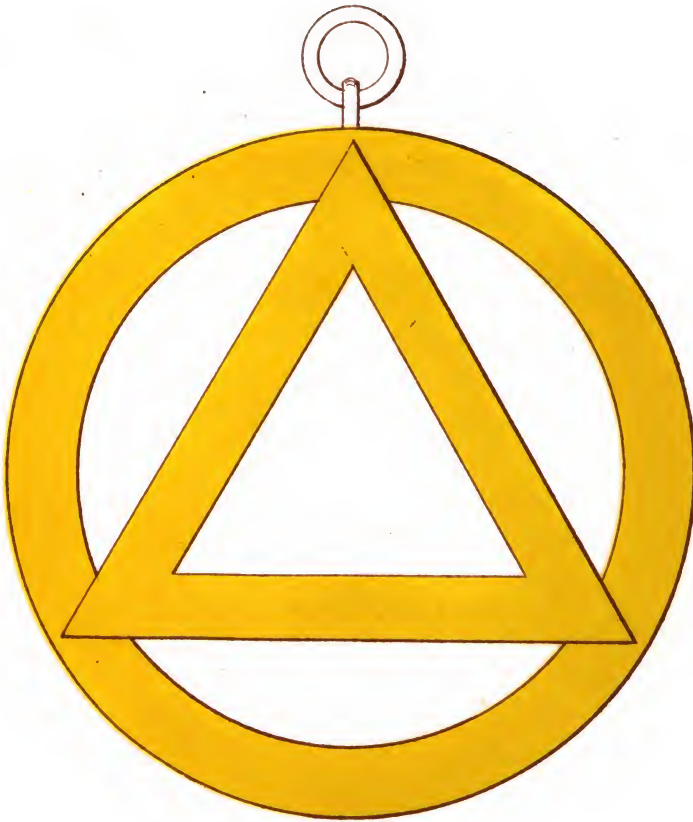
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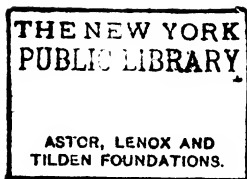


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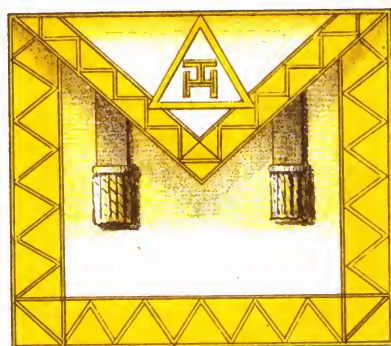
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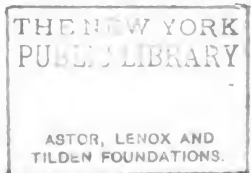
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